

Module 9: Empires of Africa and the Americas

Module Assessment: Ancient Map Instructions

After you have drawn details on a piece of paper to reflect your three journeys, follow the instructions below to create an authentic-looking ancient map for your time capsule.

Materials

- Paper
- Cookie tray
- Cool tea or coffee – tea will make the coloring of the map lighter than coffee

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 200° F.
2. Put the paper on a cookie tray that is large enough to fit without spilling over the edges.
3. Cover the paper with a thin layer of coffee or tea; it is okay if the coffee or tea goes behind the paper, because it will get absorbed.
4. Use a sponge or brush to spread the coffee or tea around the paper. You can spread it evenly or in a pattern depending on the look you want for your map.
5. Let the coffee or tea stand for a few minutes.
6. If you want to add more details to your map, consider rubbing some of the edges of the paper to wear it out a bit, making a few tears, or poking a couple of holes with your fingernail.
7. If you feel there is too much coffee or tea standing on your paper, you can dump the excess out, or dab it with a paper towel; keep in mind, the paper does not need to be dry, but the liquid should be absorbed.
8. Once the oven is preheated, place the cookie tray in the oven for 4 to 7 minutes. You will know it is done when the edges of the paper begin to curl up.
9. Carefully take the cookie tray out of the oven using oven mitts to protect your hands from the heat.