## Maps Show the Way

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This book has many maps. These maps show how countries have changed and how groups of people have moved. They show that cities were built along rivers and on seacoasts. They show how waterways made it possible for different people to come together.

People have been making maps for a long time. They drew maps to try to understand their world. They also used maps to find their way from one place to another. Since ancient times, the art of mapmaking has come a long way. Now there are maps to show landforms, maps to show weather, and maps that picture continents, countries, and cities.

Mapmakers, however, have more work ahead. Think about the maps of the future. Will maps be needed to help people find their way among the stars?

