

Where in the Park is...?

Introduction

Learning how to read and use a map is a skill that you will use for a lifetime.

Learning Objectives

Be familiar with the different aspects of maps, what they are used for, and why we need them.

Materials Needed

The Where in the Park is...? worksheets and a Valleyfair park map.

Instructions

1. Become familiar with the map and the grid system.
2. Complete the worksheet, don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it.

Explanation

It's important to know how to read a map, this way if you get lost you can find your way around. Being able to understand maps helps you get to places faster and easier, and gives you an understanding of your surroundings.

Going Beyond

- Make a map of your favorite place! Be sure to include a compass and use a grid system so others can find things easily on your map.
- Valleyfair maps do not have a scale, which allows you to estimate distances between objects on a map. For example, on a map there may be a scale that says 1 inch on the map equals 15 feet in real life. Add a scale to the Valleyfair map. (Hint: To do this, measure one inch on the map, then measure that distance while at the park)

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What is different about the compass on the Valleyfair map?

What ride is located at K8?

What is the location of the entrance to the High Roller?

Where is Steel Venom located?

What direction(s) would you travel to get there if you were at the Monster?
(Make sure you follow the path, you can't walk over rides!)

What is your favorite ride, and where is it located on the map?

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What direction(s) would you travel to get from your favorite ride to your second favorite ride? Make sure to specify what your second favorite ride is.

What ride is directly East of Power Tower?

Which two rides are located the furthest apart?

Does Valleyfair cover more distance from North to South, or from East to West?

While standing in line to get into the park, what direction are you facing?

What large US City is located in this direction. Circle the best answer.

New York

Atlanta

Seattle

San Francisco