Map Your World – **Map Your Neighborhood Assignment**

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* Writing paper (or notebook).
* Drawing tools (pencil, erasers, and colored pencils/markers/crayons).
* Mobile phone/tablet (with a camera) or digital camera.
1. Pick a two-block area in your neighborhood or around your school.
2. With something to write on and pencils, slowly walk around the area drawing the major structures (e.g. houses, stores, churches).
3. Walk the area again, this time looking for (and adding to your map) less obvious things.

Some examples: a community garden, a row of trees on the side of the street, a parking lot, litter, billboards, graffiti, yards that are more well-kept than others.

If possible, use a cell phone or digital camera to take pictures of what you see.

As you observe this time, write down not only what you see, but also what you hear, feel, and smell.

1. Once you get back home, write about what it felt like to walk around. Answer the following:
* What does it feel like to live here?
* Does it feel safe?
* Is it quiet and peaceful, or is there loud construction, people yelling, sirens, etc.?
* What kind of people do you see? Do you know them? Do you feel “connected” to them?
1. After writing, neatly copy your map onto a large, clean piece of plain paper. You can use symbols, pictures, and some labels to represent what you saw.

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