

Materials

- Blank or Graph Paper
- Pencil
- Drawing Utensils (e.g., colored pencils, markers, or crayons)
- Map for reference (optional)
- Ruler (optional)

Instructions

1. List Destinations

Before you begin, decide how far you would like your map to extend. What destinations do you want to feature on your map. What destinations best represent your community? As you write your list, draw a symbol that represents each destination. This information will be used for your key.

2. Gather Materials

Gather your materials and find a comfortable space to draw your map. If needed, use a map of your neighborhood for reference.

3. Outline Map

Choose a destination, like your house, that will be a focal point of your map. Then, build out the roads that connect your list of destinations using lightly drawn lines. You can use a ruler for a more precise drawing. Leave space in the bottom right or left corner for a key.

4. Draw Destinations

Draw in each destination and add a symbol to each. If you wish, you can coordinate a color with each destination to add to their visual representation in your community and your map.

5. Complete Key

In the space designated for your key, list your destinations and to the left draw your symbol. This will help your viewer find a destination quickly.

6. Add Details

Give your map a title. Then, add as many details as you would like to give your viewer unique and important information about your neighborhood.

Community Storytelling

Nathaniel Donnet's site specific work, *Acknowledgement: The Historic Polyrhythm of Being(s)* represents Houston's 3rd, 4th, and 5th Ward neighborhoods. Where do you live? Create a map to illustrate your own community narrative.

Map

A diagrammatic representation of an area of land showing physical features, cities, roads, etc.

Key or Map Legend

A visual explanation of the symbols used on the map.

Share your map with us on social media using the hashtags #MuseumFromHome and #ConnectWithCAMH