

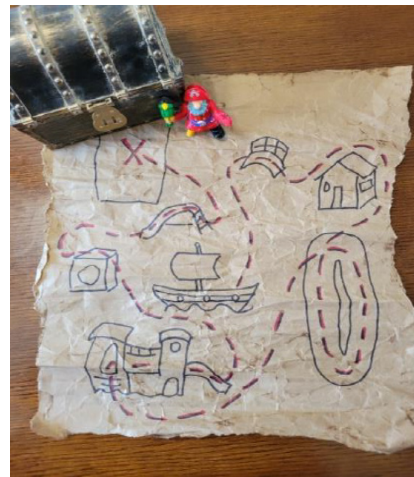
## Ms. Valerie's Learning at Home Activity Make a Treasure Map

Related **Social Studies Lesson** Airs September 16, 2021 on WQLN PBS

### How to Make

#### Materials:

- Paper bag
- Scissors
- Black and red markers, pencil (optional)
- Optional: cold coffee or tea to age the paper
- Optional: crayons or brown ink pads to add additional aging
- Small box or container to be the treasure chest
- Something to use as a treasure (pennies, pretend coins, jewelry, snacks, etc.)



#### Directions:

1. Cut the side off of the paper bag to the approximate size you would like.
2. Tear the edges of the paper so make it look old.
3. Crumple the paper into a ball several times.
4. Optional: Dip the crumpled ball into the coffee or tea. Flatten and let dry.
5. Choose a location to draw your map and go to it (backyard, park, etc.)
6. Draw a pirate ship at the starting point of your treasure hunt (use pencil to get everything the way you want and then trace over with the black marker.)
7. Draw other landmarks (swings, slides, trees, shrubs, paths, playhouses, etc.)
8. Have a grownup hide a treasure (bury it or hide it) and draw a path to the treasure. Make it like an obstacle course. Highlight the path with a red marker.
9. Make an X to mark the location of the treasure. Then go on your treasure hunt!

*Reading and making simple maps is a fun geography skill to work on. After the treasure hunt, have your child use a small toy to follow the path s/he went using directional words (up, over, around, in, out, through, etc.)*

