

AN INTRODUCTION TO READING NORTH CAROLINA MAPS

Activity One

Go to the NC Map URL:

<http://dc.lib.unc.edu/cdm4/document.php?CISOROOT=/ncmaps&CISOPTR=762&REC=13>

You will be looking at the Edwards & Broughton 1936 State Highway Map.

1. Which way is North on this map? Why do you think so?
2. Find the *legend* on the map. What does a solid red line show?
3. What does a solid blue line show?
4. If a road is a dotted red line, what does that mean?
5. Look at the whole map. Why is the area to the *west* colored green? Look at the legend to give you the answer.
6. Find Charlotte on the map. Is Charlotte to the *west* or the *east* of the Atlantic Ocean? How do you know?
7. Name at least two numbers of highways that run through Charlotte.
8. Find Highway 158 in the northern part of the state. What type of highway is it? How do you know?
9. Find Highway 32 in the eastern part of the state. What type of highway is it? How do you know?
10. What direction would you drive to get from Raleigh to Morganton?

Activity Two

Go to the NC Maps URL:

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You will be looking at the 1941-1942 North Carolina Highways Map.

1. Find the scale on the map. If the line equals one inch, how many miles equal one inch on the map?
2. What information is listed on the front of the map? How would a person use this information to find a city on this map?
3. Why do you think there isn't a legend on this map? How do we know what the different colored highway lines mean? (Think of Activity One.)
4. What is the blue colored area in the middle of the map? What feature is the cartographer showing?
5. Why do you think the area over Ft. Bragg in the western part of the state is colored green?
6. What is the capital of North Carolina? What symbol does the cartographer use to show the capital?
7. If I wanted to drive from Lexington to Charlotte, what direction would I drive? (North, South, East, or West)
8. What highway would I take to drive from Lexington to Charlotte?
9. Which highways do you think people in the 1940s would drive faster on, the red or the blue? Why do you think so?