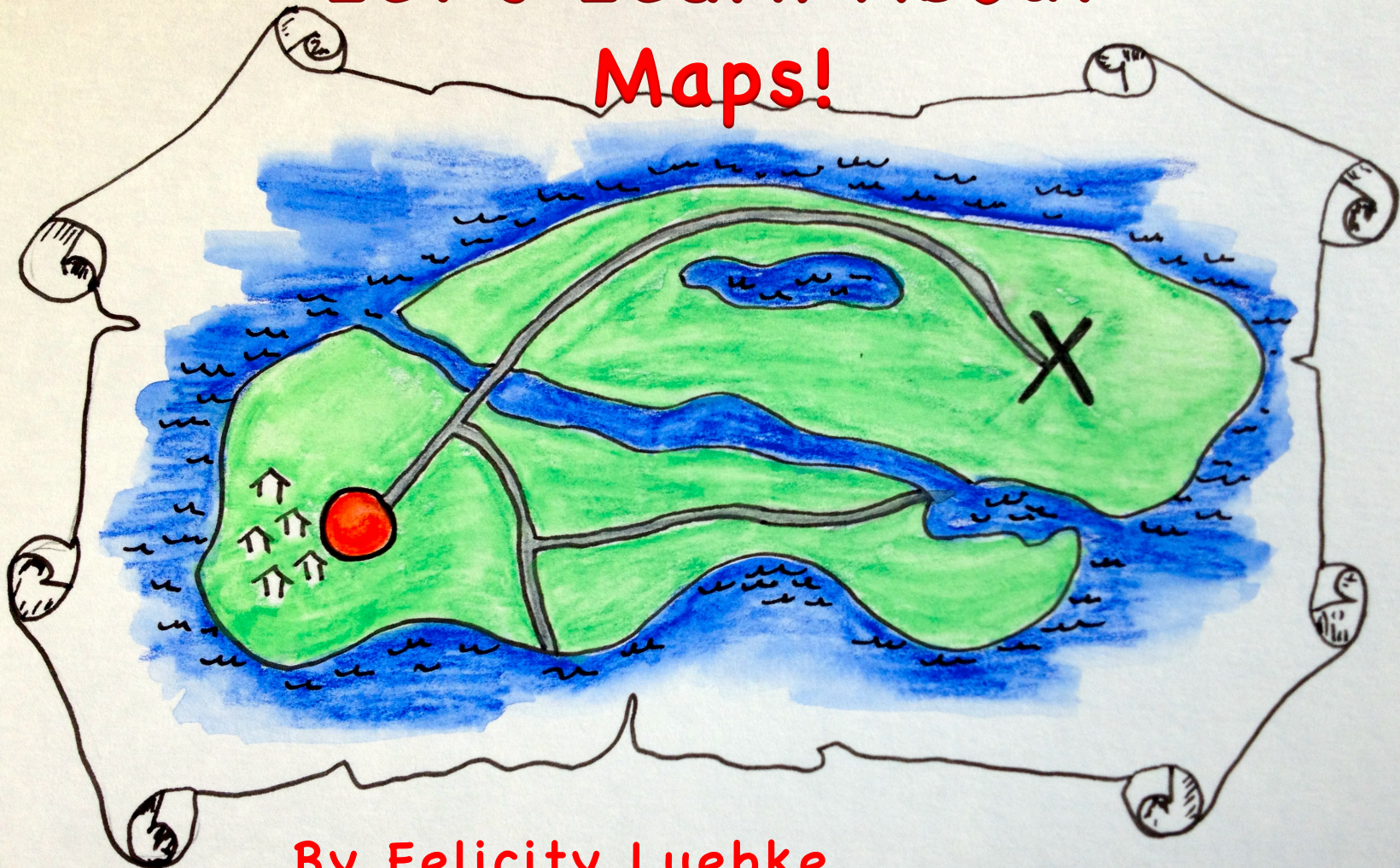
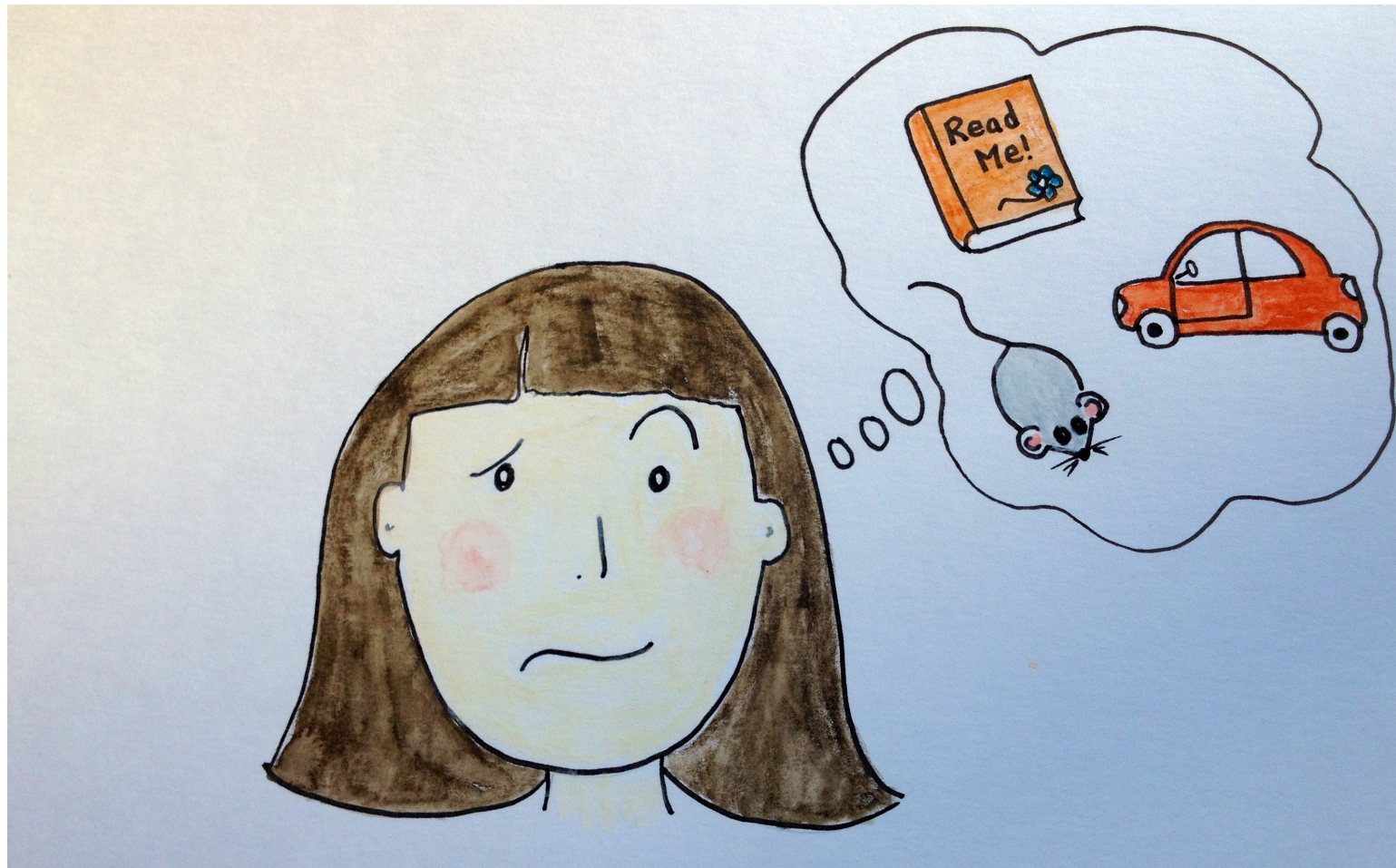


Let's Learn About Maps!



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What is a map?



A map is a drawing of what a place looks like from above. Have you ever been in an airplane? When you look out an airplane window you are seeing what a place looks like from above.



Looking at land from above.

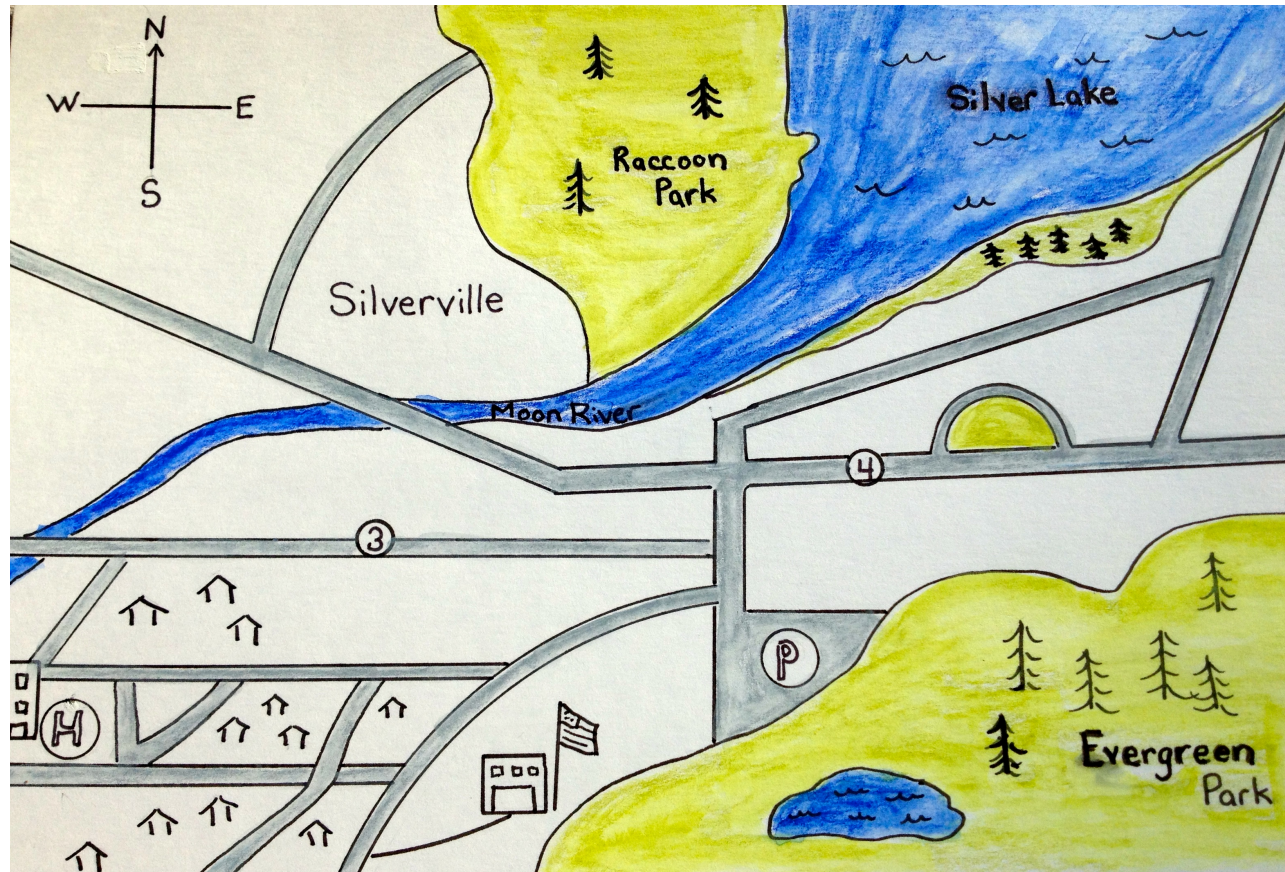


Looking at land from the ground.

Looking at places from above is different than looking at things from the ground.



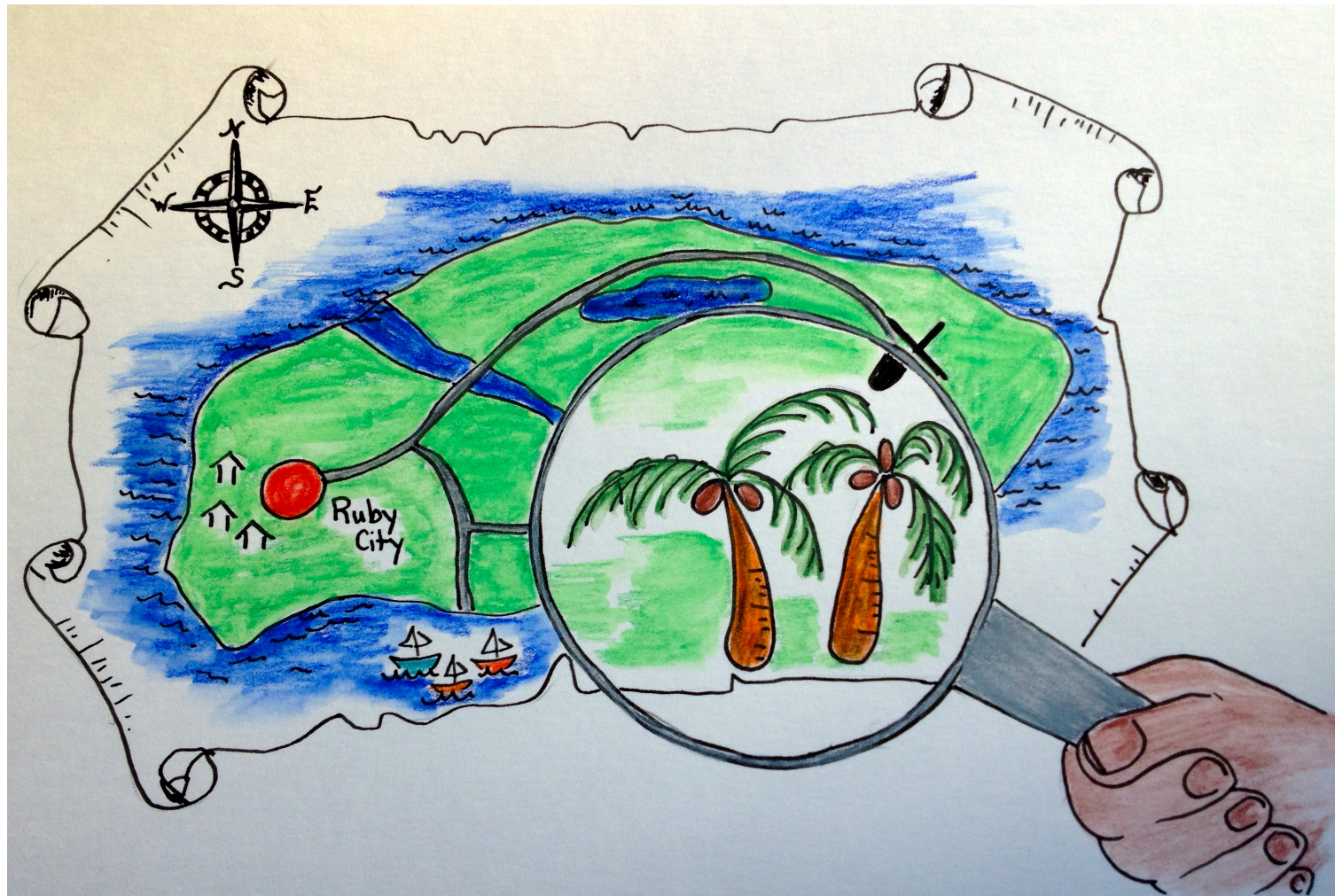
Why do we need to see how places look like from above? Why do we need maps?



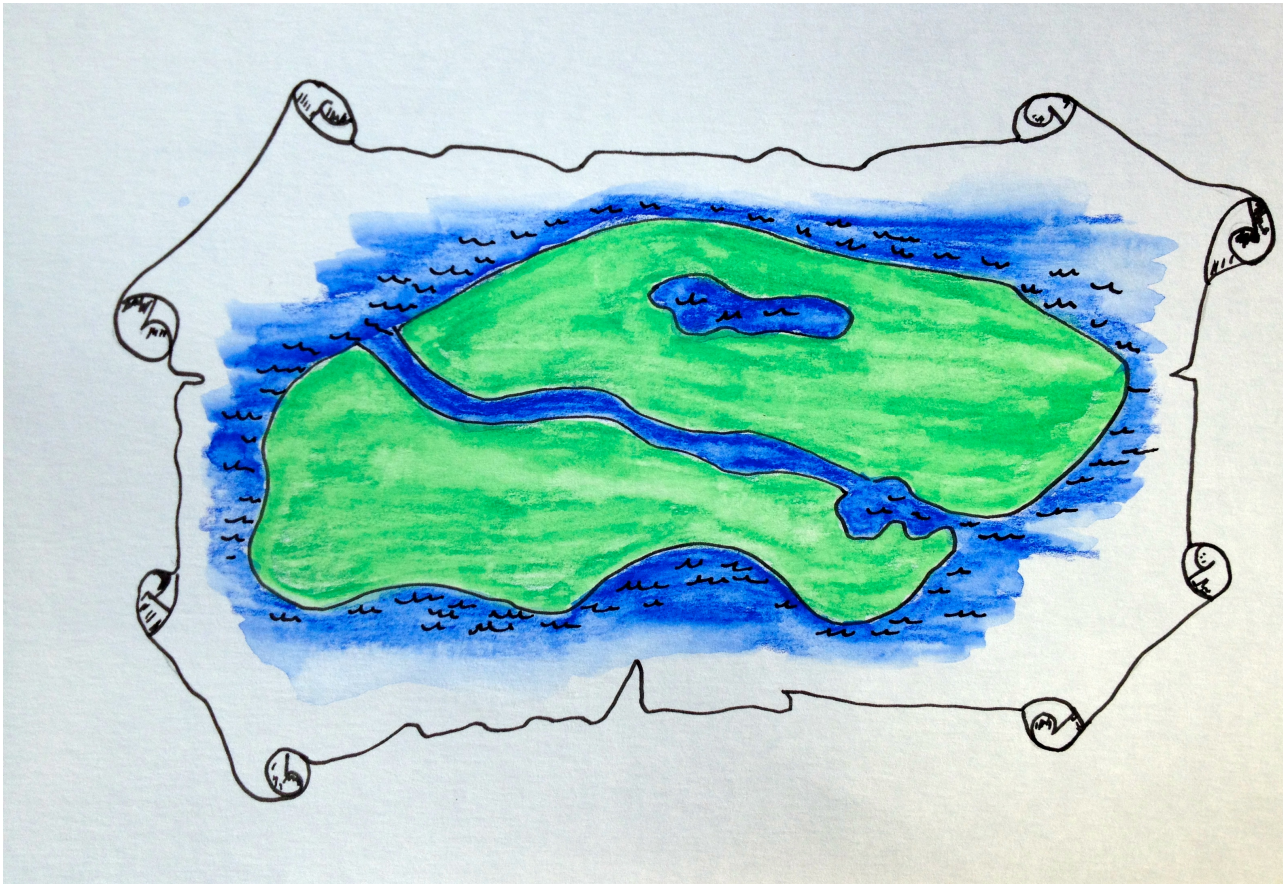
We need maps to show us where places are and how to get to them. People use maps to find out how to go to places they've never been before.



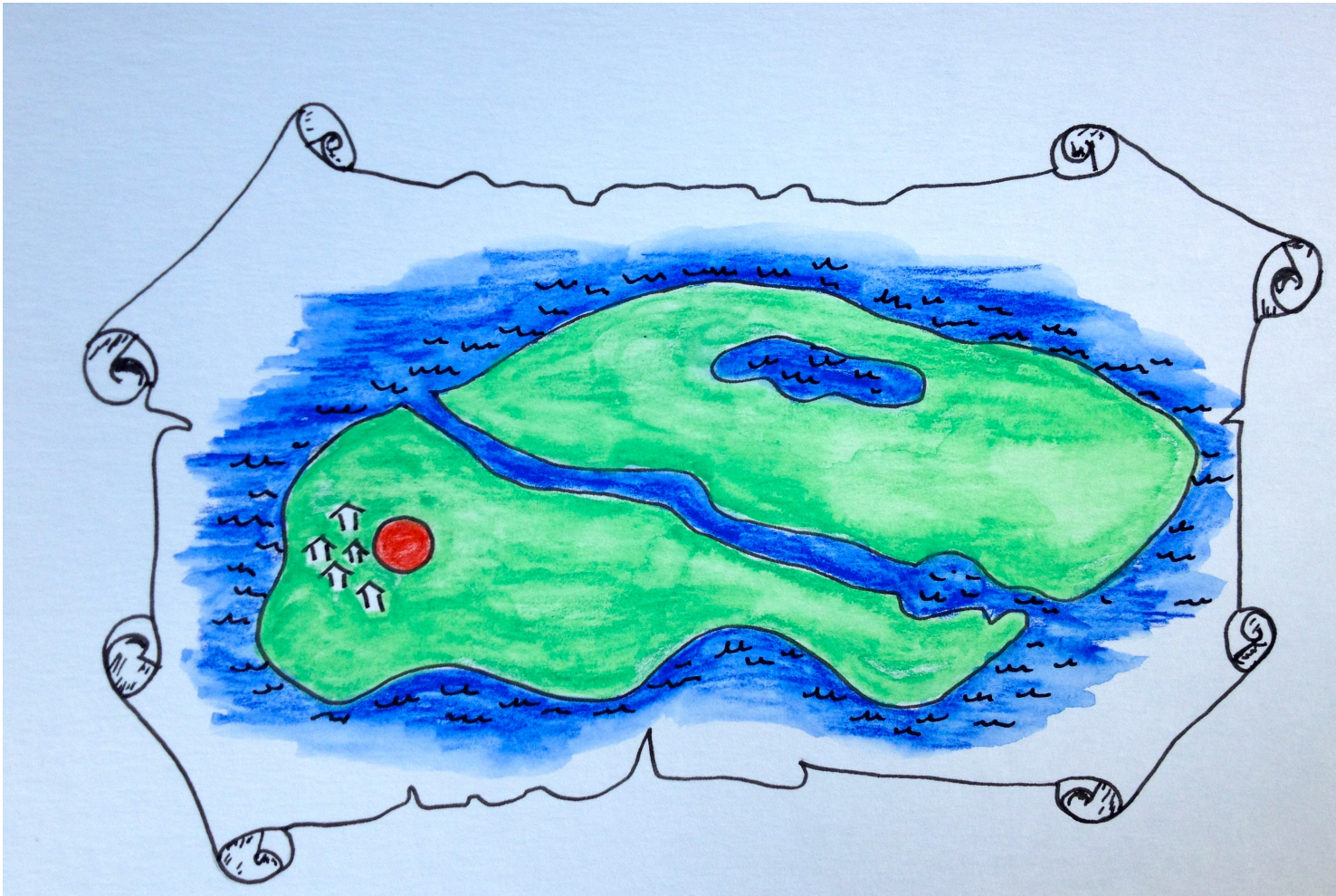
Have you ever seen a treasure map? A treasure map shows what a place looks like and how to get to where the treasure is buried.



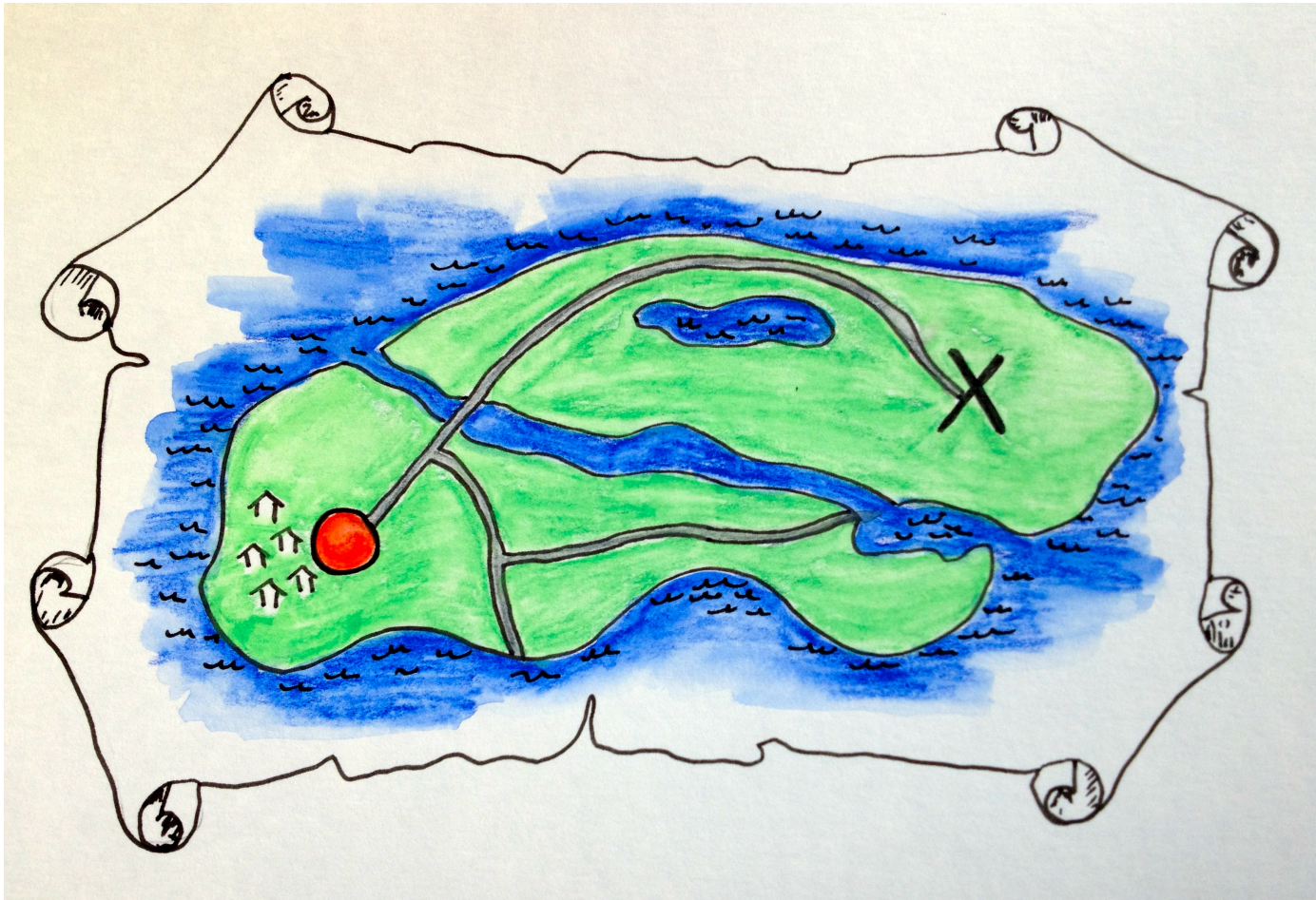
Before you can use a map, you need to know what the drawing is showing you. Maps have symbols to help you figure it out. Let's take a closer look at our treasure map.



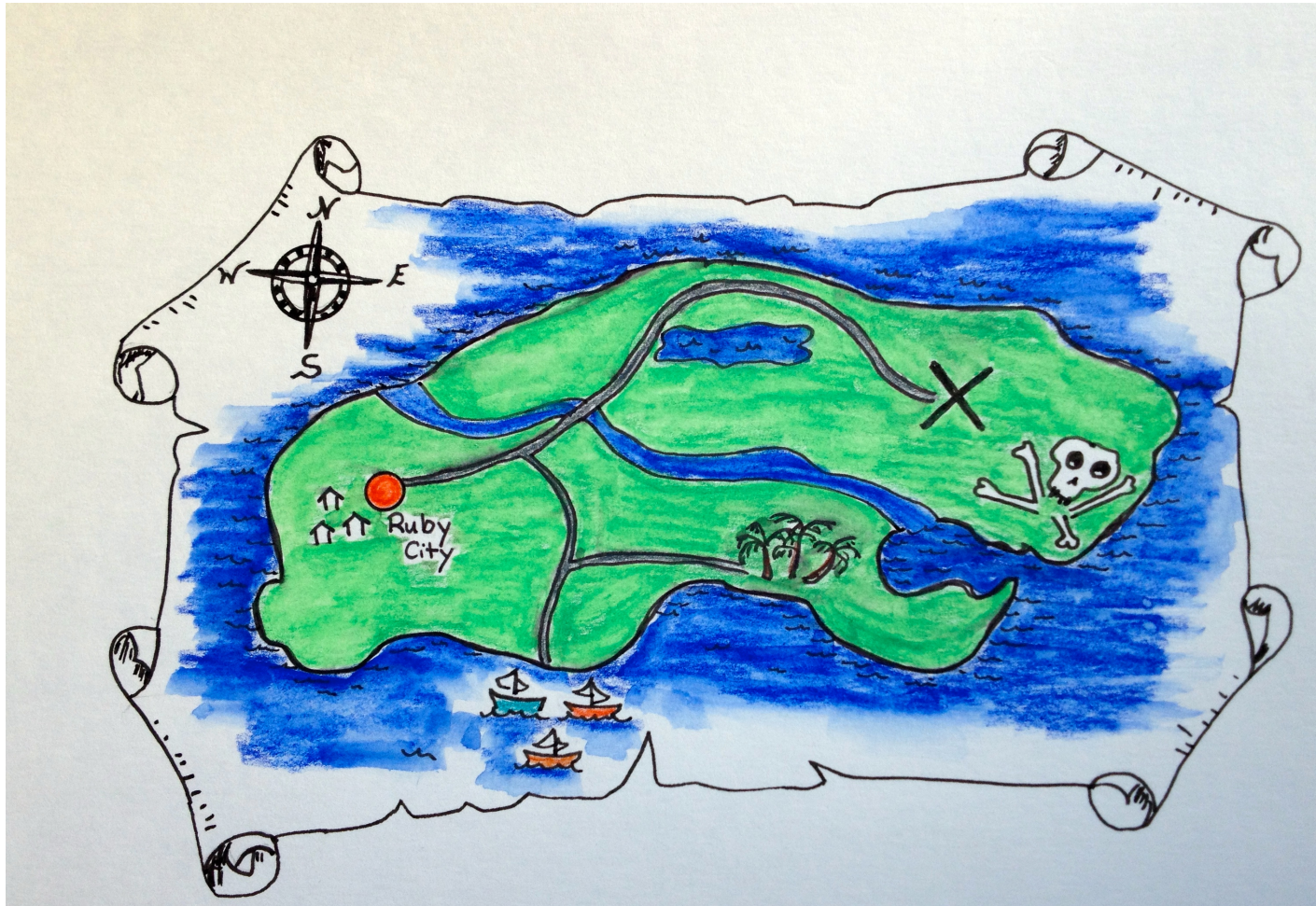
Do you see all the blue on the map? That is water. This map shows an ocean, a river and a lake. Can you tell which is which? Do you see the green on the map. The green shows you where the land is.



Now look at the map. Do you see the buildings with a red dot next to them? That means there is a city or town there. I wonder what the name of this city is?



Look at the map again. Do you see the lines? The lines are drawings of the roads. The lines show you where all the roads are and where they go. The buried treasure is under the **X**. Can you figure out which road leads to the treasure?



Now that you have learned about maps and symbols, can you use the map to find the treasure? Start at the city, take the road that goes across the river, follow the road around the lake and.....

You found it!

You used a map to find the treasure!



Good for you!