

## LESSON S

### LET'S PUT DELAWARE ON THE MAP!

**Standards:** Geography Standard One: Students will develop a personal geographic framework, or "mental map," and understand the uses of maps and other geographics.

History Standard Two: Students will gather, examine, analyze historical data.

**Objectives:** 1) Students will examine maps of Delaware.

2) Students will make comparisons between a modern map and a map from another time period.

3) Students will play a game to review the differences and similarities between the two maps.

**Materials:** 1) *Lesson S, Delaware Public Archives, 1819 Delaware Map, Vertical File VI*

2) *Lesson S, 2008 Road Map of Delaware (Courtesy of Delaware Department of Transportation)*

3) Construction Paper

4) Masking Tape (optional)

5) Compare and Contrast graphic organizer

6) White drawing paper – 1 per student

**Procedures: DAY ONE:**

1) Inform the students that they will be comparing two maps of Delaware - one created in 1819 and a road map from 2008. Before doing so, have students use their mental mapping skills to create a map of the state of Delaware. Students should include as many waterways, towns, and roads as possible. Tell students to remember to include their map elements – title, orientation, date, author, and legend.

2) Divide the class into groups of four.

3) Hand out four maps to each group - two from each time period.

4) Inform the groups that they must have a group leader, two spokesmen, a writer, and a group name. (If there are more than four in a group the additional members may serve as spokesmen.)

5) Provide background information concerning the date of each map.

- 6) Give the groups the rest of the class time to look over the two maps for differences and similarities. The assigned writer should write down the similarities as well as the differences. Examples include roads, towns, waterways, and landmarks. It may be completed in the form of a graphic organizer. Similarities should be at the top of the organizer with differences for each map being categorized by roads, towns, waterways, and landmarks. As groups finish the organizer, instruct them to use construction paper to create their own playing piece for the game.

## **DAY TWO:**

- 7) On the chalkboard, draw lines across the board for each game piece. This exercise may also take place on the floor using masking tape. Mark a finish line on the board or the floor. Either method requires marks being made along the game course to indicate the next space to move. Place each game piece on a separate line.
- 8) To play the game each team will have a turn to announce a difference or a similarity between the two maps.
- 9) A correct difference or similarity allows that group's game piece to be moved forward one space on the line. A correct answer cannot be used again in the game. (OPTIONAL: The teacher may want to record answers on paper so students can see them and avoid repetition. If a group repeats an answer already given they will not be allowed to advance. Groups must listen to all the answers presented to prevent repeating an answer.
- 10) The first group to cross the finish line will be declared the winner.
- 11) Summarize the lesson by having partners look at the maps they made of the state of Delaware at the beginning of the lesson. Have each student draw a Venn diagram on a sheet of notebook paper and fill in all the similarities and differences between the two student maps.

## **DOCUMENT BACKGROUND**

### **1819 Map of Delaware**

This map of Delaware was published in 1819 by Arrowsmith and Lewis of Boston, Massachusetts. Its original size is 10 3/4 inches by 8 3/4 inches. The strange looking marks that appear as hills are believed to be the dividing line where the water west of the marks flow into the Chesapeake Bay and the water east of the marks flow eastbound to the Delaware Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. The map has been enlarged to be more comparable in size to the 1997 map used in the lesson. It may be accessed through the Archives' map collection (Vertical File VI, Delaware, 1819).

### **2008 Map of Delaware**

This is a road map of Delaware published in 2008 by the Delaware Department of Transportation. The Delaware Public Archives would like to thank DelDot for the use of this map.

**There is no historical background information included with this lesson.**