

Mapping and GIS

(http://www.ccge.org/resources/learning_centre/classroom_activities/mappingGIS.asp)

Maps and charts are representations of features on the Earth's surface drawn to scale. Cartography is the art of making maps and charts.

Centuries before the Christian era, Babylonians drew maps on clay tablets of which the oldest specimens found so far have been dated about 2300 BC. Since then, mapping has evolved tremendously and maps are now created using computers.

This month, we celebrate the *Geographical Awareness Week*, which runs from November 14-20. The official GIS day is on November 19.

Online resources

- [GIS Day](#): the official GIS site
- FamilyEducation.com - [National Geography Awareness Week](#): GIS info and activities for kids
- [Photographs from 1998's Geography Awareness event](#)

Canadian Geographic resources

- [The Canadian Atlas Online](#)
- [Turning Points](#) - an online archive of the past year's [Royal Canadian Geographical Society](#) 70th anniversary articles.