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# EARTHWORM'S GEOGRAPHY JOURNEYS!

MONTHLY ONLINE NEWSLETTER

This Month-- **DRAWING A COMPASS ROSE!**

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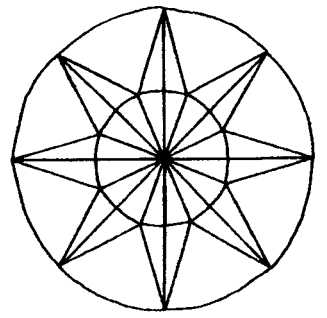
Welcome to the very first issue of our online newsletter! Visit us here every month to see what **EARTHWORM** is up to! He has been our mascot for over 15 years, worming his way around the world, learning facts about our favorite topic-- **GEOGRAPHY!!!** **EARTHWORM** will present some fun-to-do geography activities every month. You will see some new ways to use our maps as well as learn how to make maps of your own!

### FEATURED FACTS about....A Compass Rose!

#### WHAT IS A COMPASS ROSE ANYWAY?

It's a symbol that indicates direction on a map.

Most are circular in shape with points that extend outward. Cartographers and chart makers must have thought they looked like the famous flower-- an opened ROSE! And so... their name!



A compass rose is often drawn in a decorative way, with different kinds of points.

The first compass rose was used on maps and charts in the 1300's. (About how many years ago was THAT?)



Compass roses were originally used to mark the direction of the wind. Later, mapmakers used them on maps and charts to indicate direction.

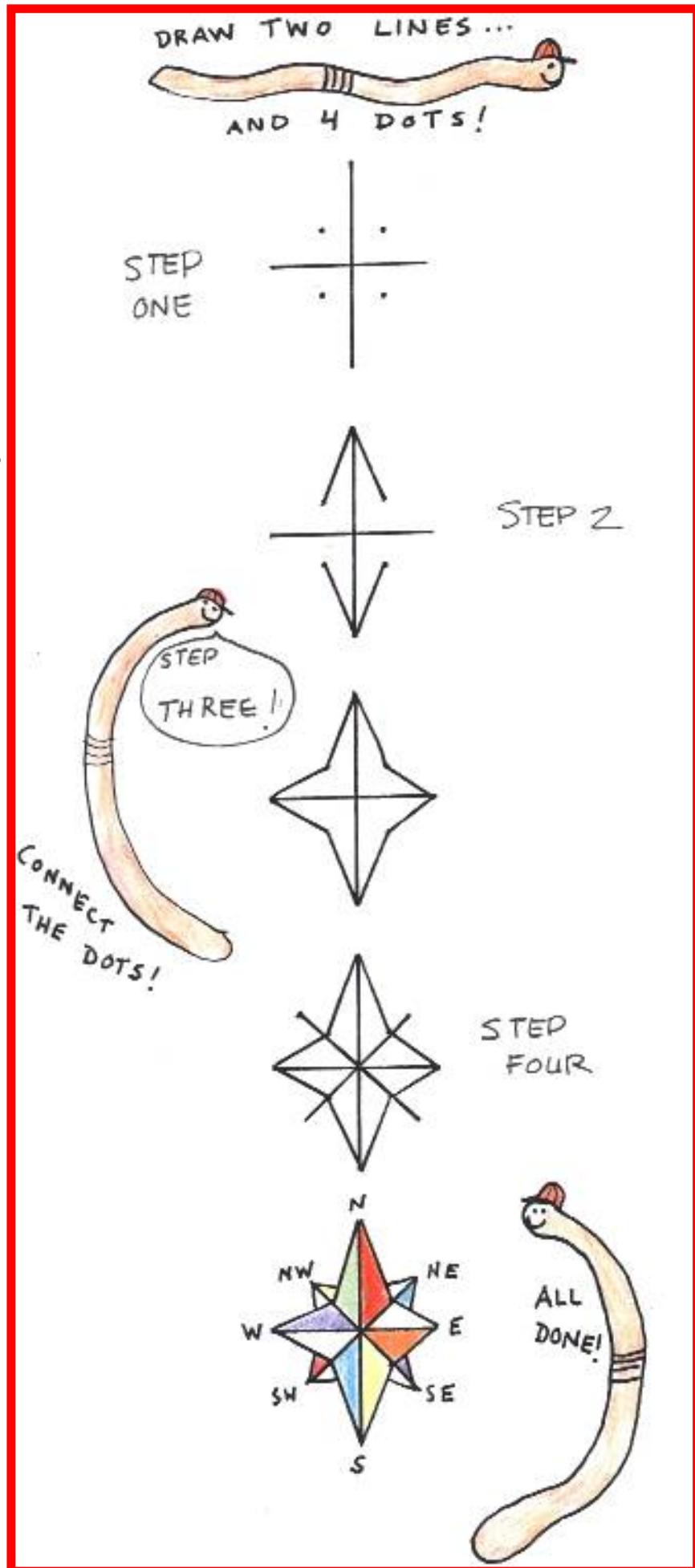
Sailors who used charts and maps depended on the Compass Rose to help them locate where they were at sea!

When you look at any map in the future, be sure to look for one!

# HOW TO DRAW A COMPASS ROSE!

There are many ways to draw a compass rose. Here is one way-- you can do it step-by-step!

After you finish drawing, fill in the directions as shown. Then color it as you like!



## Featured Link!

This following online site shows some beautiful old **Compass Roses** from 16th century Portugal. (Can you locate the country of Portugal on a map?)



<http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~feegi/rose.html>

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## ANNOUNCEMENT!

We are pleased to say that our newest history map

### **MAYA AZTEC INCA CIVILIZATIONS**

has been a big seller after only a couple of months!

It is double sided, well-illustrated and printed on gold-colored paper. After it is colored-in, it looks just great!

On one side there is a map of Central America, and the other side shows South America. Students label all the famous sites and cities, and the routes of the "Conquistadors". Most important, the map helps kids understand how geography influenced these cultures.

Teachers-- we think you'll find this map indispensable for teaching this unit!

## In the works!

We have plans for adding several other history maps:

**The Ancient Civilizations of Europe and Asia**

**The Westward Movement Across the USA**

**The Places of the American Civil War**

... and more!

PLEASE... we'd love your feedback! Let us know what you would like to see in these maps, or tell us if you have a need for others!

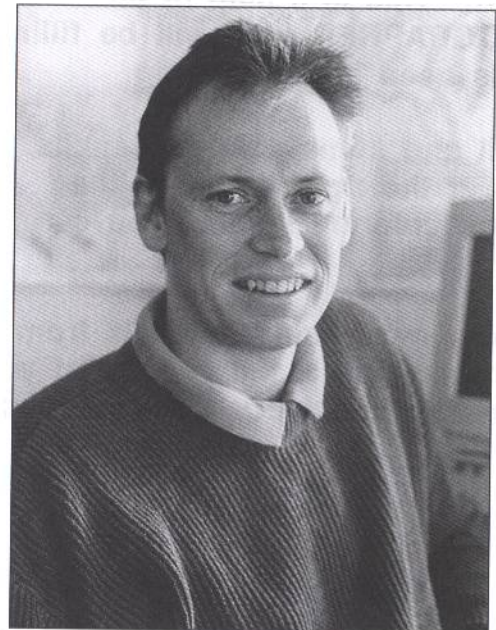
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**DID YOU KNOW...** that **MAPS FOR THE CLASSROOM** is a family owned/operated business? Every year thousands of schools in all 50 states use the maps -- grades 2-12. Even many college professors who teach education encourage their student teachers to use these maps!

Earthworm introduces **JASON NEWTON**, founder and cartographer! Jason graduated from Rhode Island College with a degree in Geography and has taught workshops in New England classrooms for many years.

Jason realized that a hands-on approach really helped students remember geography, so he started making maps for use in the classroom 16 years ago, with the help of his two sisters, Deborah and Regina. He lives in Rhode Island, the smallest of the 50 states!

MEET our CARTOGRAPHER!



Hi  
Jason!

