

THE HERO ACADEMY

The Hero's Quest for Knowledge Curriculum

The Cartographer's Journey

Answer and Assessment Guide

Geography

Veritas. Virtus. Scientia.

Truth. Virtue. Knowledge.

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GEO-K-01 | printable section

Includes GEO-K-01. These introductory sections do not constitute a complete kindergarten course or a finished K-12 curriculum.

The four companion books

The Student Book explains concepts through reading, examples, and diagrams. The Adult Teaching Guide provides modeling and supported practice. The Student Workbook holds activities and checks. The Answer and Assessment Guide supplies keys, criteria, and retry guidance.

The K-12 learning roadmap is the plan for future content, not a lesson book. These four growing books contain only the sections listed below.

Using this edition

A beginning reader needs an adult to read the explanatory passages aloud. Independent word reading is expected only for explicitly taught patterns in Reading. An adult supplies safe materials and supports access; oral responses, pointing, or drawings can demonstrate the same skill.

Lesson and activity IDs stay together across the four books. For example, a lesson ending L01 links to the activity ending W01 in the same unit. Each unit finishes with its A01 section check. Matching edition 0.3 components should be used together.

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Learning at an individual pace

The learner revisits the relevant explanation after feedback, then tries a fresh example. Successful demonstration of each target is a suggested local progression rule, not a validated placement score. Personal beliefs and agreement with the author are never graded.

Position and familiar places

Before this section

No reading, compass use, or left-right mastery is required. The learner may point or use object models.

Materials

A rectangular tabletop or a large rectangular sheet used as the map area, an empty unbreakable cup, a book, a large block, paper, and a pencil. Activities stay in a familiar indoor space.

Recording evidence

The guide checks the demonstrated skill, not handwriting neatness, speed, or agreement with a personal view. Record the response, support provided, and what needs another example. Do not infer a diagnosis or a grade-level placement from these short checks.

Places and positions

Describe where an object is using a reference object.

Reading and teaching reference: GEO-K-01-L01

1. The model shows the object on the table surface.
2. The block is beside the cup; speech or pointing accepted.
3. The description matches the new arrangement.

A picture can represent a place

Relate a simple overhead drawing to a real arrangement.

Reading and teaching reference: GEO-K-01-L02

1. Accept a simplified drawing that preserves the approximate relative positions.
2. A clear match between symbols and the chosen objects.
3. Both correspondences correct.

A map key explains symbols

Use and check a key for a simple map.

Reading and teaching reference: GEO-K-01-L03

1. Three understandable symbol-object matches.
2. The updated symbol reflects the changed location.
3. Accept a detail genuinely omitted from this map.

Section check

1. The three objects have recognizable relative positions.
2. Two consistent explanations from the key.
3. A match is verified, or a real mismatch is corrected. Do not introduce a false error.

After feedback

Reduce the arrangement to two objects. Match objects to shapes before returning to overhead position.

Progress record

Lesson / check ID: _____

Demonstration and support: _____

Needs another example / demonstrated: _____

Date and next step: _____

Sources and content notes

Instruction, practice tasks, and illustrative examples were authored for this series. Invented scenes and diagrams are not historical evidence or measured research data. Source references support the specific concepts below, not a claim of complete topic coverage.

GEO-K-01

Original observation-to-map sequence informed by USGS map education. Learning goals are local editorial proposals, not an adopted standards crosswalk.

USGS-MAP-ADVENTURES | USGS - Map Adventures

USGS identifies this map-education resource as appropriate for K-3. Different viewpoints, symbols, and simple maps inform original tabletop activities. Individual learners still require supported practice; the resource does not validate complete kindergarten coverage.

<https://www.usgs.gov/educational-resources/map-adventures>

USGS-MAPS | USGS - What do maps show?

Background support for map selection and keys; not a kindergarten readability model. The 1994 publication record corresponds to a poster bearing 1993. Original child pages use familiar objects and adult-supported diagrams.

<https://www.usgs.gov/publications/what-do-maps-show>

HEADSTART-EARLY | Office of Head Start - Interactive Early Learning Outcomes Framework: Ages Birth to Five

Early-childhood guidance informs adult support, concrete exploration, and communication options. The original Academy sequence does not adopt a standards framework. This birth-to-five resource does not establish full kindergarten coverage, independent reading readiness, or grade-by-grade validation for later levels.

<https://www.headstart.gov/interactive-head-start-early-learning-outcomes-framework-ages-birth-five>

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