

# Map History

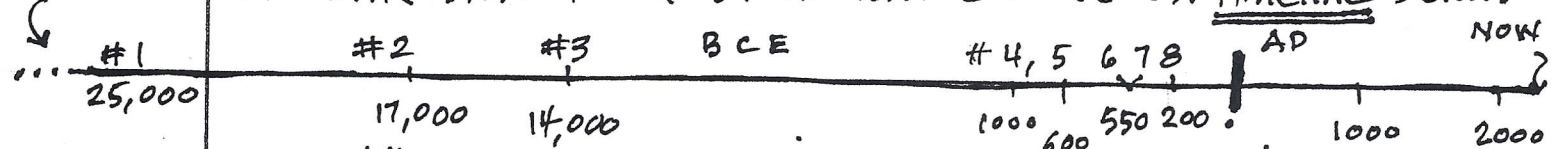
## My NEIGHBORHOOD MAP

WE usually think of maps as a tool to help us get from one place to another, but maps can be made/used for many purposes. Mapmaking - or cartography - has been around for thousands of years.

The oldest map - discovered in Czech Republic was carved on a mammoth tusk & used for hunting (#1). The famous cave paintings in Lascaux France have star maps along with hundreds of animals & people (#2). A hunting map was carved in stone in Navarre Spain showing red deer & ibex (#3). In Egypt a map was made on papyrus detailing sites for mining & quarrying rocks for statues & pyramids (#4). The first world map (what was known of the world) was found in Iraq engraved on a clay tablet from the Babylonian Kingdom (#5). Ancient Greece & Rome also created world maps - etched on rounded metal (#6) & made with ink & parchment (#7). Maps on silk were found of ancient China (#8). Timeline below:

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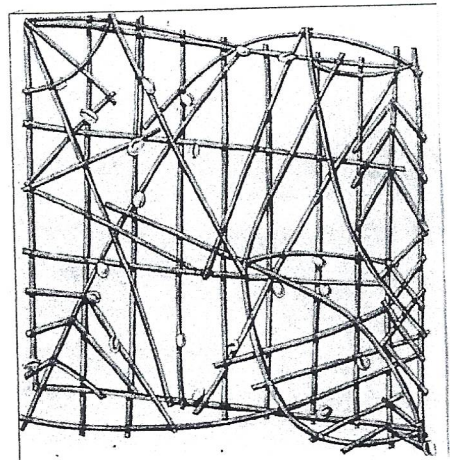
Ancient MAPS  
TIMELINE



In addition to the many different materials mentioned above, people living in the islands of western Pacific Ocean (more than 600 islands) made nautical charts using sticks - to show ocean swells - and shells - to depict islands. The islanders had no written language; instead they passed on songs & stories about stars, islands & routes which were memorized and passed down from generation to generation.

**Make** a map of your neighborhood. If the key/legend here doesn't fit your needs, make a new one. Check where the sun sets - mark that as West on the Rose Compass. East is where the sun rises.

sticks & shells map



"Maps encourage boldness. They are like cryptic love letters. They make anything seem possible." Mark Jenkins