Where I Live: Finding Arizona on a Map
Students will practice measurement skills while learning about Arizona.

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Duration: 1 class period

National Geography Standards

ELEMENT ONE: THE WORLD IN SPATIAL TERMS
1. How to use maps and other geographic representations, tools, and technologies to acquire, process, and report information from a spatial perspective.

Arizona Geography Strand 4
CONCEPT 1 World in Spatial Terms
GRADE 1
PO 6 Locate Arizona on a map
GRADE 2
PO 6 Locate physical and human features using maps, illustrations, images or globes

Arizona Math Standard
STRAND 1 Number Sense and Operations
CONCEPT 3 Estimation
GRADE 1 and 2
PO 2 Estimate the measurement of an object using U.S customary standard and non-standard units of measurement.

Overview
As students learn to use a globe and atlas to locate places on the earth, it is important that they recognize where they live in relation to the rest of the world.

Purpose
In this lesson students will gain a better understanding of the location of their home in the world while practicing measurement skills.

Materials
- Globe
- Political Map of Arizona in an atlas or a road map of Arizona (not included in lesson)
- Political Map of the United States in an atlas (not included in lesson)
- Where I Live student worksheet
- Student worksheet key

Objectives
Students will be able to:

1. Locate their state of residence on a globe.
2. Locate their city and state of residence on a map in an atlas.
3. Measure distance on a map using non-standard units of measure.

Procedures
Prior Knowledge: Students should know the cardinal directions.

1. On a globe, have students locate in turn, North America, the United States, and Arizona.
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2. Using a student atlas, have students locate Arizona on a map of the United States.

3. On a map of Arizona, have students locate their city or town of residence. For smaller towns, a road map of Arizona may be used in order to find all towns.

4. Have students use the atlas map to answer questions on the student worksheet.

Assessment
The student worksheet can be used for assessment. It is a combination of multiple-choice and short answer questions. Questions 1 to 8 can be used for geography and questions 9 to 13 can be used for math. A score of 80% or higher is considered mastery.

Extensions
Students can use other non-standard measurement tools (crayons, blocks) on the road map of Arizona, measuring locations from their hometown.

Use an inflatable globe to play a toss game in the classroom. When children catch the globe, they point to their home state then toss the globe to another child.