

# Raising Atlantis

## **STEP 1:** Making a grid system

- Be sure to use a pencil and a ruler when doing this.
- Every two inches up the sides of the paper make a line of latitude. Lines of latitude are the horizontal lines that measure north and south of the equator. The bottom edge of the paper is 10°S the top edge is 50°N. The first line you make is 0° or the equator. The next line is 10°N and so on. Label the lines on either the right or left hand side of the map.
- Measure and make marks every inch and a half along the top and bottom of the paper. Connect these to make lines of longitude. Mark the line at the far left as 100°W and the line at the far right as 0° or the prime meridian. Label all the lines in between at either the top or bottom of the map.
- When you're done use your pencil eraser and make sure your grid lines are faintly on the map.

## **STEP 2:** Making a title

- Be sure to use a pencil and a ruler.
- At the top of the map make the following title. **THE LOST CONTINENT OF ATLANTIS**  
11,000 years ago
- Use a ruler and pencil and make a nice box around it. After you're finished use a sharpie or black marker to outline the title and the box.

## **STEP 3:** Drawing the world's continents

- Be sure to use a pencil when doing this and take your time.
- Do not make individual countries, only the shorelines of the continents.
- The key to this is to look at the atlas and make small portions at a time. You want to be as accurate as possible without driving yourself crazy. Make dots based on latitude and longitude that outline Florida, then connect them. Make dots that outline the Gulf of Mexico and then connect them. Repeat this process until you have the coastlines of America and Europe and Africa. Do not worry about the islands!
- Once you're done and happy use a sharpie marker and outline the continents.

## **STEP 4:** Drawing Atlantis

- Remember to use a pencil and take your time. Remember Plato's description.
  - Located beyond the Strait of Gibraltar
  - As large as the continent of Asia.
  - Island which was a series of rings with large canals at its center.

- Once your done, outline the island with a sharpie.

### **STEP 5:** Coloring the seas

- Use a light blue colored pencil and simply outline around all of the continents. See Mr. Herman's example on the front of the board.
- Remember to do the same thing to your canals.

### **STEP 6:** Labeling your map

- Neatly with a sharpie, label the following locations

NORTH AMERICA  
ATLANTIC OCEAN

SOUTH AMERICA  
PACIFIC OCEAN

EUROPE  
Equator

AFRICA  
Prime meridian

### **STEP 7:** Labeling Atlantis

- Draw and label two large pyramids on Atlantis
- Draw and label the temple of Poseidon towards the center of the island
- Make and label five major cities for Atlantis
- Make a mountain range on Atlantis and in it a massive volcano. Name and label the mountains and the volcano.
- Draw and label the Bimini road
- Make a giant forest on the island with mammoths, saber-tooths, and giant sloths
- Make and label a large river system. Make sure the river has a delta too.

### **STEP 8:** Decoration

- Color the continent of Atlantis. Color your land green and your mountains brown. Use a sharpie to make sure your labels show.
- Out in the oceans make one nice decoration. Make a sea serpent or a really nice compass rose. Maybe make an Atlantean warship.