

What can a map
tell us?

What's the **BIG** deal?

- Maps are representations of places. A map is NOT the place.
- One difficulty with maps is that they try to represent a three dimensional object in a two dimensional plane.
- People who create maps select and organize the features of place to include in their maps.
- People's purposes, knowledge, and perspective (or point of view) shape their maps.
- Maps of the ancient world reflect the cartographer's purposes, knowledge, and perspective (or point of view).