



Maps

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“Look at what others have missed. There’s always something important to be found. There’s no need to rush. Whatever road you choose in life, walk it with purpose.”

Advice given to 16-year old Miyamoto by his father, recorded in Miyamoto Tsuneichi, *The Forgotten Japanese* (2010)

“A map is a spatial representation of a place, thing, or concept, actual or imagined... A map can chart the path to a neighbouring village, to a successful endeavour or a fortuitous event, or even to the next life; it can illuminate the relationships between various levels of existence or consciousness, or between a previous or future age of the earth.”

Thomas Suárez, *Early Mapping of Southeast Asia* (1999)

“A map created a nation... its geo-body is born in a map, and nowhere else... There are other knowledges of space, either residual or emerging, operating to contend with the geo-body. The presence of the geo-body is always subject to challenge.”

Thongchai Winichakul, *Siam Mapped* (1994)

“Performance was a historical technique used to map, record and transmit information. Chant, dance, storytelling and oral poetry were employed to record and transmit the genealogy of extended families and clans, relay cosmological knowledge and re-enact significant events or experiences.”

Janet Pillai, *Cultural Mapping* (2020)

“It is not down on any map; true places never are.”

Herman Melville, *Moby Dick* (1851)



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