


Unit # 1: My Favourite Place

Name: _____

Date: _____ Section: _____ DUE Date: _____

1. Choose your favourite place: it can be somewhere close to home, a place elsewhere in Canada, or a place around the world that you have visited. Make sure that you have a photo of yourself in this location to include on the bulletin board in our classroom! If you do not have a photo of yourself and your favourite place, see Mr. Lambersky.

My Favourite Place: _____

2. You will need to choose 3 out of the “Five Themes of Geography” to describe your place. Describing your place and themes will be included in a short verbal (max. 3 minutes) classroom presentation. Complete the organizer below.

Five Themes of Geography: Movement, Region, Human-Environment Interaction, Location, and Place (MR. HELP!)

Five Themes of Geography (choose 3)	Description
1.	
2.	
3.	

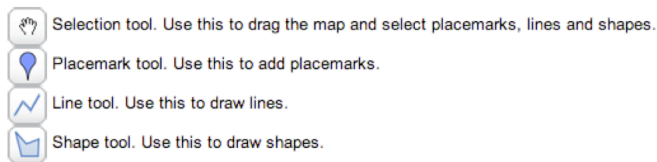
3. Next, you will build a “My Map” using Google Maps using your assigned Google mail account. Detailed instructions about using Google Maps are included in this package and an instructional video is posted on the SSD. Before you read over the instruction sheet on how to create a “My Map,” go to Google Gmail and log into your RSGC account.

4. Finally, you will add a photo of yourself in the location/ or a photo to the bulletin board in our classroom.

	Level 1 50-59%	Level 2 60-69%	Level 3 70-79%	Level 4 80-100%	
	Have you ever actually been there?	Is this really your favourite place?	This is clearly your favourite place!	Everyone in class wants to visit your favourite place!	
Communication					Mark
Delivery	Presentation was not smooth. Lost audience’s attention.	Presentation was not smooth. Held the audience’s attention most of the time.	Presentation was rehearsed with a fairly smooth delivery. Usually held the audience’s attention.	Presentation was well rehearsed. Confident delivery held the audience’s attention.	/4
Knowledge					
	Minimal understanding of themes presented	Most themes presented with some clarity	All themes presented with clarity	All themes presented with a high degree of clarity	/4
Bulletin Board/ Photo	Google Earth Placemark is present				/1
	Printed and on the Board				/1
Total					/10

How to Create a "My Map" using Google Maps

1. Visit Google Maps: <http://maps.google.com/>
2. Sign into Google Maps with your Google Account login information
3. Click on "My Places"
4. Click on "Create New Map"
5. Place a blue placemark on the exact spot of your favourite place. You'll notice other tools, too...



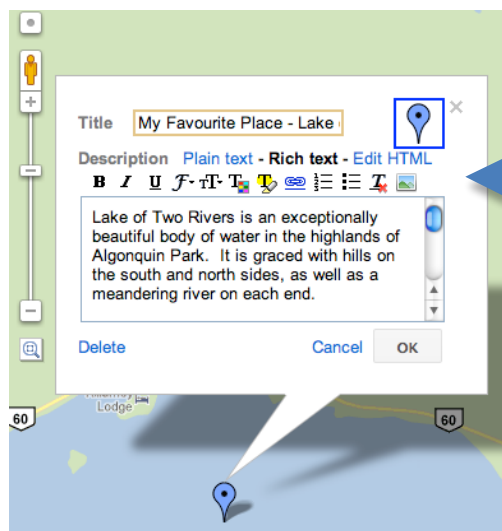
6. Add a title and description for your map.

(i.e. **TITLE:** _____ Favourite Place; **DESCRIPTION:** La Fortuna Waterfall, Costa Rica)

7. Under privacy and sharing settings select "Unlisted"

8. An address box will pop up on the map. If it is identifying the correct location click "Save to My Maps." Click "Save"

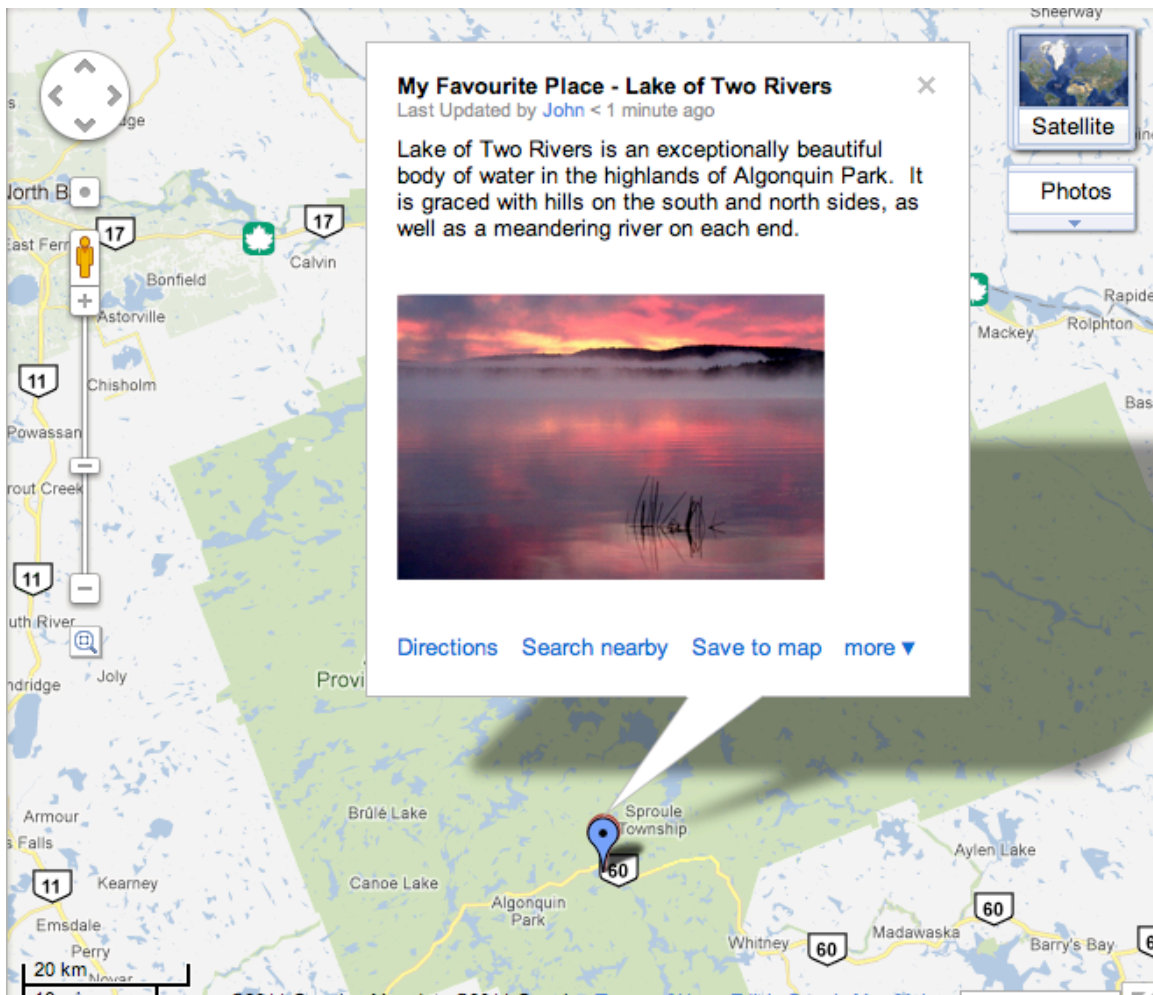
9. Make sure "Rich Text" is selected.



10. You will now add a photo to your map (**Note:** it must be a photo that is hosted online. Open a new window and search for an image in Google to include).

11. Copy the URL of your image, go back to your Google Maps window, select the "Insert Image" icon, and paste the URL of your photo. Click "OK"

12. Click "Done" to save your map.



13. Print a photo of you in your favourite place to include in our classroom and select some photos from your visit to the location to show the class.