

GRIDDING GEOGRAPHY USING the ART FORM METHOD

GEOGRAPHIC GRIDDING

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Gridding is a method which enables you to become familiar with a piece of geography and its sociality and to create an image which holds this reality. It enables a group to form a consensus about how it intends to relate to a particular area. It is the first symbolic and practical step in taking responsibility for space by organizing it into rational geographic patterns.

1) Walk through the area

2) Gather statistical data

3) Art form the map of the area:

What do notice?

What stands out?

Which part is most pleasing in terms of color?

4) Identify and mark: Living areas, cultural centers, businesses, nodes, natural boundaries, social divisions, land-marks, political boundaries, pathways, roads.

5) Draw initial pictures of the area, share these and discuss the gifts of each.

6) Form a consensus on a grid. Symbolic power is key.

7) Draw a large artistic form and display it in a public place for feedback.