

Coutt, Alexander. "Racial Bias around the World - Alexander Coutts." Alexander Coutt, May 30, 2023. https://www.alexandercoutts.com/coutts_racialbias.pdf.

This source talked about racial biases outside of the United States. The author of this source went throughout the world to study the racial Biases of people, especially against Black people. Throughout 146 countries one out of five residents will be very Pro-white. This source for me was mainly a refresh of information I learned freshman year. I thought it was important to incorporate the struggle of not only people of color but Black people specifically. Especially since reading through the articles, there isn't really a good enough reason they told us that the world map we commonly and recognize isn't realistic.

"Gerardus Mercator." Education, October 19, 2023.

<https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/gerardus-mercator/>.

This article is a very reliable source. One of the most common maps that is used regularly was invented by a man named Gerardus Mercator. Gerardus Mercator's most famous map he developed was the Mercator projection. This map looked like a sphere flattened down into two dimensional with longitude and latitude lines. The goal of designing the map like that was to help sailors navigate the globe. This article was an introduction to a map that is often used in classrooms. It informs me of the many issues with making a flat map. For my capstone I think it would be an important piece of information that could affect the result of the world map i'll be making.

Hornish, Uma. "Why Your View of the World May Be Completely Wrong." Putting methods to Madness , June 14, 2022.

<https://sites.lsa.umich.edu/qmss/2022/06/14/why-your-view-of-the-world-may-be-completely-wrong/>.

This source seems to expose a lot of biases. The reason for the Mercator projection map being used for so long is that the projection from sphere to map can't be perfect. The size of the continents is completely wrong. It shrinks countries near the equator and increases the size in countries near the poles. What also makes this map biased is that 3rd world countries seem to be the ones that shrink the most while the Western and European countries are huge. This also encourages the idea of imperialism, the thought of European countries being superior towards other countries. In my capstone I would like to try to steer away from European and Western influences. Through SLA curriculum courses we have learned that the United States is often a one way thinking.

"Israeli-Palestinian Conflict | Global Conflict Tracker." Council on Foreign Relations, January 8, 2024.

<https://www.cfr.org/global-conflict-tracker/conflict/israeli-palestinian-conflict>.

This source is very important. At the moment there is a current genocide happening in Palestine. I want to write a mini history lesson to what is going on with Palestine. It's important to acknowledge what's going on right now with the political stance. But Palestine needs to be heard. I stand with Palestine. So far from the articles; it dates back to when the United States adopted Resolution 181 in

1947. The Resolution 181 was also known as the Partition plan. This resolution was adopted to divide the British Mandate of Palestine into Arab and Jewish states. On May 14th 1948 the State of Israel was made. This caused the first Arab and Israeli war; which ended in 1949 with the hand in victory being Israel. This resulted in Palestine being divided into 3 sections known as The West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the State of Israel. This caused 750,000 Palestinians to be displaced.

“Map.” National Geographic Education, November 30, 2023.

<https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/map/>.

Getting into this topic was a little difficult but after reading these articles, it didn't seem so hard. This article by National Geographic starts out in explanation in map terminology. It defines words that had come throughout reading other articles. It was a good set up for me to be reading this at the beginning of the research. I thought that this article was a very good foundation for learning everything else. This helped me conduct the research for my capstone. It was also very easy to keep myself engaged because I don't know much about geography.

McDermott, Collen. “A Modern-Day Mercator: Do History's Racial Biases Live on in Google Earth?” REMAKE, September 17, 2021.

<https://remake.wustl.edu/issue2/mcdermott-a-modern-day-mercator>.

This article was released in 2021. This contradicts the Mercator projection map. The author describes the Mercator Projection map as inaccurate. She claims that a lot of the

maps are inaccurate due how this map creates an illusions in continents near the pole. Throughout the source she implies that there is a racial bias and how we use maps now. Before maps were simply only used to navigate waters, since than a lot of things have changed like the way we use GPS to travel. For my capstone I'm trying to have an accurate definition of the map. I'm going to avoid using the Mercator Projection map that is so commonly used. I would like to see good representation for countries in my mind.

Moulton, Madison. "Mapping the World: A Short History of Cartography." History Guild, August 17, 2022.

<https://historyguild.org/mapping-the-world-a-short-history-of-cartography/>.

This source felt like a more simplified version of the Library of Congress Maps. This article was similar to the Library Congress Maps website for the information displayed. In my opinion The Library of Congress maps does have a more visual appeal. Along the way they explained and showed pictures of the maps and their history. There are reasons why cartographers produce smaller maps than before, tourists like the more practical use than the aesthetic and artistic point of view.

Rivas-Drake, Deborah, Eleanor K Seaton, Carol Markstrom, Stephen Quintana, Moin Syed, Richard M Lee, Seth J Schwartz, et al. "Ethnic and Racial Identity in Adolescence: Implications for Psychosocial, Academic, and Health Outcomes." Child development, January 2014.

[https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6673646/#:~:text=Identities%20linked%20to%20ethnicity%20or,%2C%20%26%20Mascher%2C%202005\).](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6673646/#:~:text=Identities%20linked%20to%20ethnicity%20or,%2C%20%26%20Mascher%2C%202005).)

This source will be used to try and understand why people always will look for a place to identify with. The first time we have at SLA, the first question they ask us is how we identify. Identity is the first they, who are we as people, students and as a community to each other. They explain the difference between race and ethnicity. Ethnicity is the focus on values and cultural practices to a specific group. Race is described as social groups that have stereotypes attached to them. Your identity in race and ethnicity as a POC affect you. Often in an oppressive country, the government lacks the humanization of minority groups, so it's important for us to be able to be us.

Sokol, Joshua. "Can This New Map Fix Our Distorted Views of the World?" The New York Times, February 24, 2021.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/24/science/new-world-map.html>.

Although the New York Times has some good articles. This time I would say I wish I had gone to other source. The author was just talking about the different types of maps and how distorted they were. There were many mixed opinion in this article. I do value other input, but this article felt very repetitive compared to the other articles I had read. There was not as much debt into this article unlike the previous ones. I will try to incorporate more of other people ideas into my capstone.

Stoner , Julia, Rodney Hardy , and Craig Bryant . "Story Map Cascade." Home. Accessed January 25, 2024.

<https://www.loc.gov/ghe/cascade/index.html?appid=ddf9824ff56b4fb6a0f3e11515716738&bookmark=150+AD>.

This source was very engaging in the development of the maps. This article has interesting graphics and style of the website is different from a lot of other website. It almost feels like a museum. This article explained the evolution of world maps created from AD to modern times. It's the evolution of maps. All the maps look different in style of drawings. It's interesting to see the types of maps each time period had in history. This is useful to me because I am going to choose a map to outline for my capstone project. Studying maps careful to the detail is important to get the geographics right.