Mapping Your Neighborhood

*Take inspiration from JANM’s collection to document your neighborhood.*

**Collection Connection**

Louise Sasano and her family were incarcerated in Amache, CO. Louise was a teenager during this time. The family’s collection at JANM includes artifacts such as an autograph book, schoolwork, yearbooks and newspapers. They reveal a look into daily life within the concentration camps and show how efforts were made to maintain as much of a sense of normalcy as possible despite being incarcerated.

In this hand-drawn map of a section of Amache drawn by Louise in 1943, she identifies various places like schools, the fire department, stores, and where her friends live.

**Now it’s your turn!**

Take inspiration from Louise’s map and draw a map of your own neighborhood. It might be helpful to walk around and look closely at the things that surround you. Materials you’ll need are paper and something to draw with.

Start by drawing the streets in your neighborhood. Fill in interesting, important, and favorite spots such as:

- Your home
- Places your friends live
- Places important to your community like the market or library
- Places you are curious about

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