

Revisiting Maps

It's been a little while since we have done formal investigations of maps, & with holiday travel now on many of the children's minds it seemed an apropos time to relaunch. The small group was greeted with a variety of maps in many forms- the globe, atlases, books about maps, folding paper maps, & the poster of where the 2020-21 Blue Roomers are at for elementary school. Following this open exploration where the topic of houses reigned prominent, Kalei printed maps of Atlanta with each child's home demarcated. Those interested were then invited to explore the home maps individually & engage with it through conversation & mark-making.



Flora, Walker, & Leila examine a seating map of a baseball stadium. "Where do you want to sit?"



Kieran, Shea, & Julian compare places on the globe with places on the other maps; they look for Georgia, their homes, Syracuse, & more.



Seba thumbs through an atlas.



Kieran & Shea pore over a map of the Chattahoochee National Forest, debating what different symbols indicate.



Leila gently turns the globe while investigating closely.



Finally, the children discover a home map made for last year's Orange Room cohort; Shea, Walker, & Julian were especially interested exploring the different routes by which they could get to each other's homes. Those who were not in that class of course wonder where their homes are on the map, leading us to the next aspect of the small group.



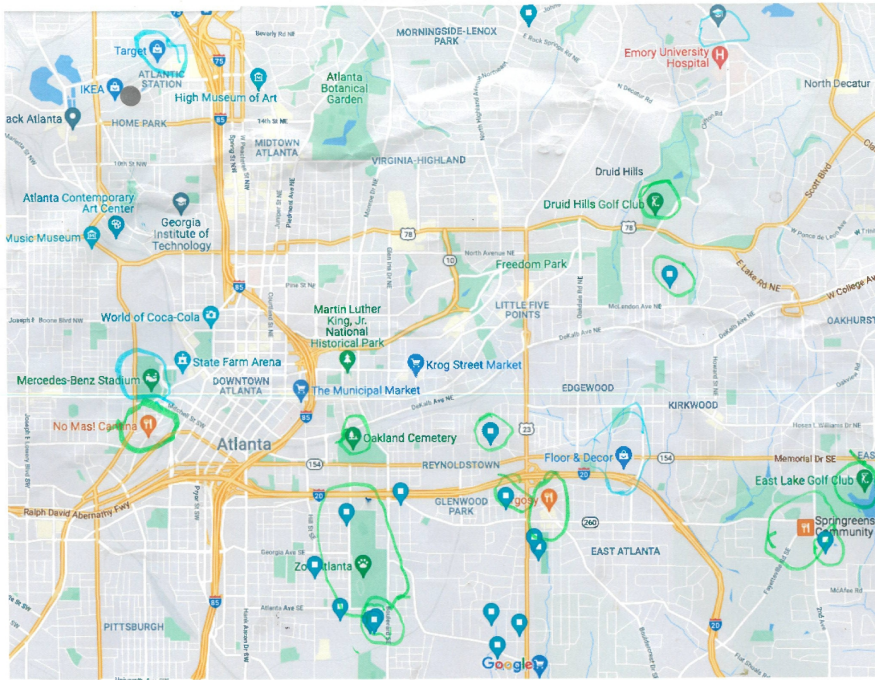


Julian now regularly recognizes the location of his own home, & that of some of his peers as well! He easily identified Asher's home with no prompting.

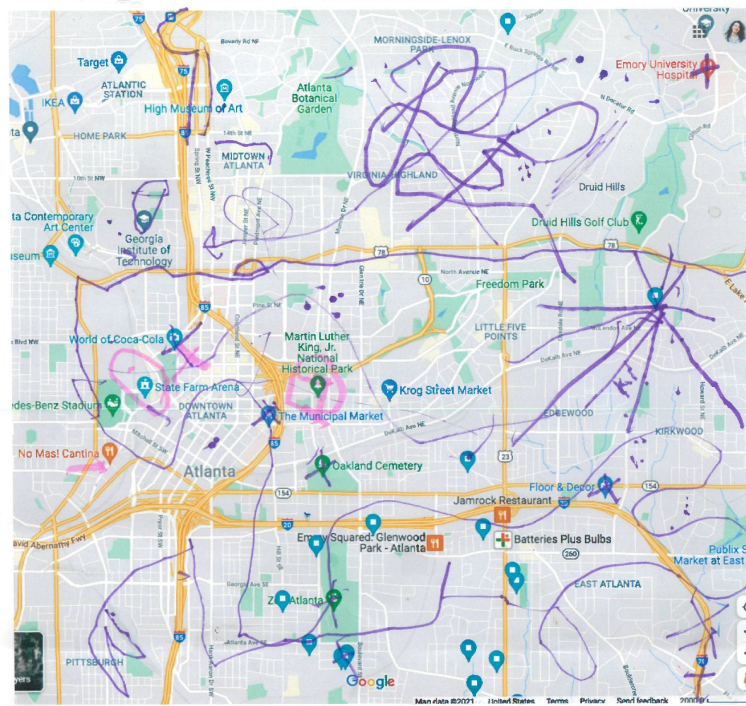


As Kieran, Walker, Julian, & Shes continue to work on their maps they discover they in fact all have the same map!

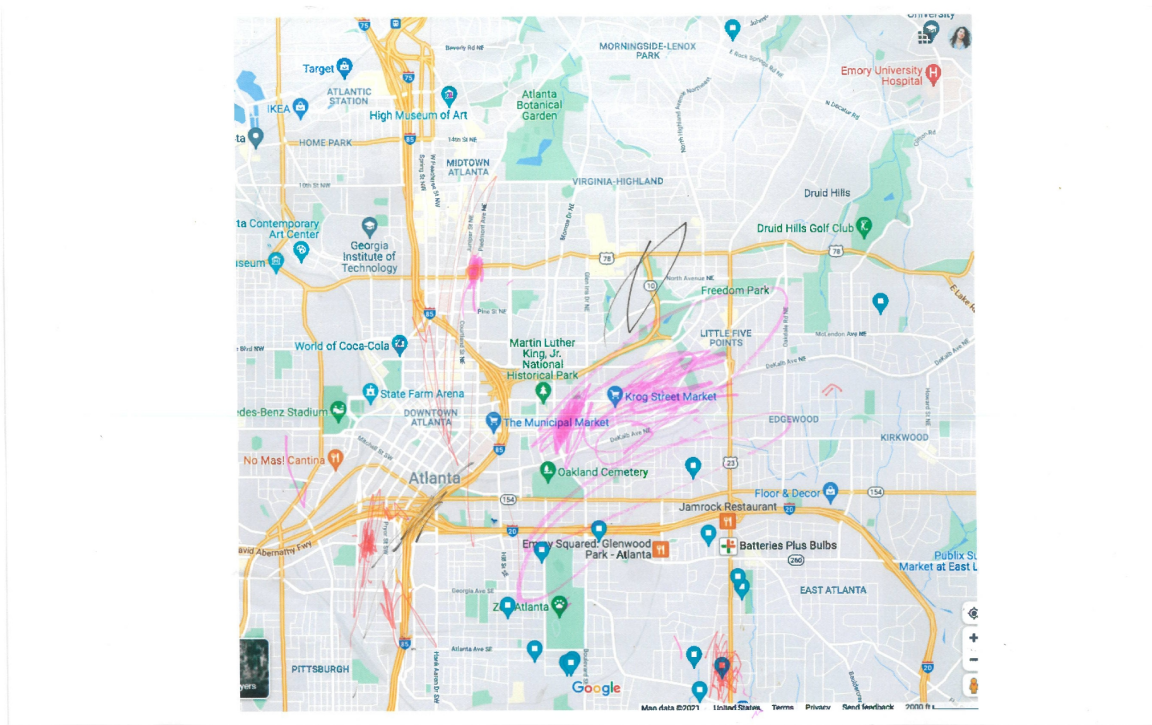




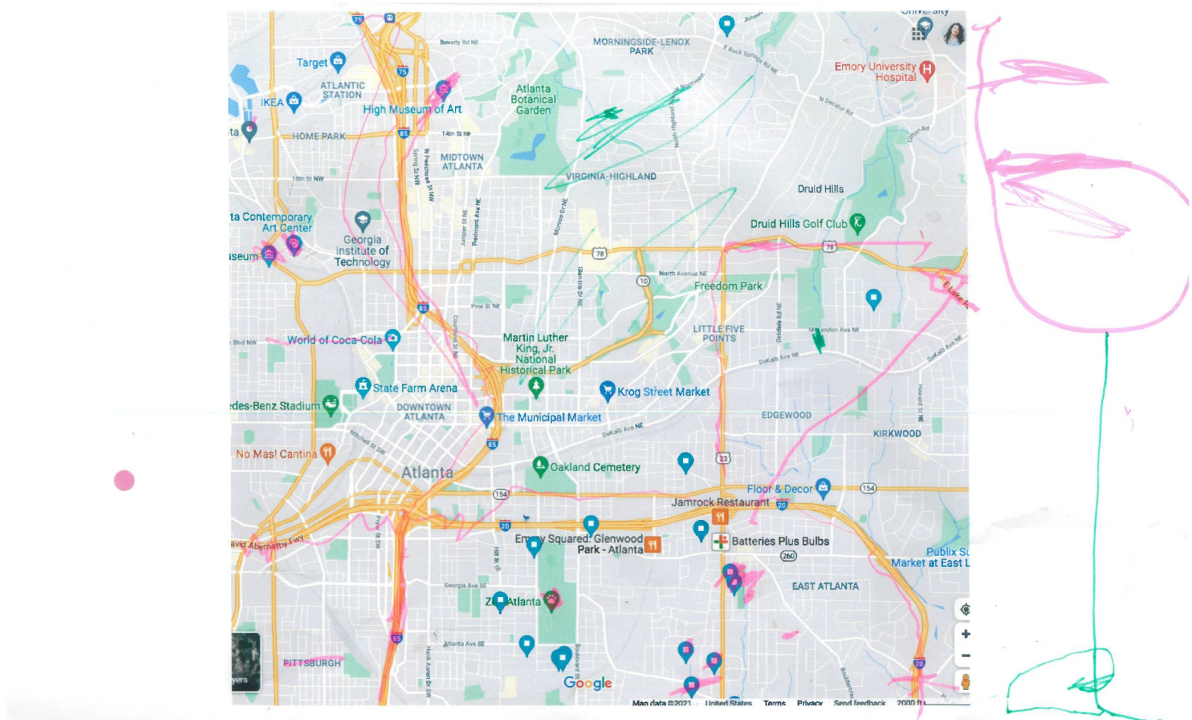
Shea's map



Flora's map



After identifying her home, Camille uses a pink highlighter in the center of her map while saying "this is the where love is...the love is everywhere!"



Marion's map

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