



Mapping an imaginary land

The Girl of Ink and Stars is a story that follows Isa, the daughter of a cartographer (someone who makes maps), who lives on a fictional island called Joya.

If you open the book at page 6-7 you will find a description of one of her dad's maps.

'There was only one map that showed the whole of our island, and it hung in Da's study. I called it Ma's map because it had been passed down through her family for generations... [from] a thousand years ago... Each of us carries the map of our lives on our skin, in the way we walk, even in the way we grow, Da would often say.'

If you look on the inside cover of the book, you can see the map of Joya that Isa describes. Look closely – what features can you spot?

Your challenge is to become a cartographer like Isa's Da and make your own map of your very own imaginary land! Think about the following things:

What would you call your land?

What kind of places will there be?

What kind of creatures live there?

Where will you live? Does anybody live there with you?

What kind of things can you do there?

Draw your map and imagine your adventures in your imaginary land.