

## **COLLECTION OF MAPS MADE BY HUNGARIAN CHILDREN**

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The Barbara Petchenik Competition is organized all over the world and also in Hungary since 1993. This poster intends to present a selection of maps sent to the Hungarian competition in this period of time (16 years), including not only the winner maps but also other entries not forwarded to the International final contest. The diversity in the methods used by children to draw our world and to represent the selected theme motivated the author to present the drawings together, trying to systematize the multiple solutions characterized by the peculiar and rich imagination of children and young people. The traditional age groups let us follow the development of the children's drawing abilities, but it can not be the only one point of view to analyze and classify their maps. Different factors have been taken in consideration during the systematization of these (art)works, beginning from the shape and extent of the drawn continents to the applied artistic solutions to express thematic information and the variety of materials used to express specific ideas related to their own concepts about the world.

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