What is a Map?

A picture shows places as they appear in real life. This picture shows a view of Crater Lake that you would see if you went there yourself and looked at the lake from ground level.

Aeriel Photo

An aerial photo is a picture taken from an airplane or satellite. This photo shows Crater Lake from above.

Map

A map is like a photograph taken from directly overhead - a bird’s eye view. The map maker uses colors, lines, symbols, and labels to represent the features that we would see in the photograph.

Cartographer

A “cartographer” is a person who makes maps.