

## Rediscovering the Past / Mapmaking

By the turn of the 19th century, mapping had established itself as a scientific enterprise, often government funded, and conducted by skilled military personnel. During the 19th century, European countries made national maps with enthusiasm. They were partly for economic and social improvement, and partly a statement of national identity and pride. An international collaboration mapped the seas for the benefit of all. Growing international cooperation also established Greenwich as the prime meridian (1884), agreed time zones, and led to the production of an "International Map" of the whole world. Improvements in printing technology made maps cheaper (and more widespread) and now colourful. Other types of map were published, such as geological maps, or thematic ones, showing wealth or disease.



<b>Working Number:</b>	DZ 083
<b>Name:</b>	Map of Oran
<b>Holding Museum:</b>	Musée Public National des Antiquités
<b>Date:</b>	1840–1846
<b>Materials:</b>	-
<b>Curator Justification:</b>	At the turn of the 19th century, only a tiny percentage of the world had been mapped.

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<b>Working Number:</b>	UA 001
<b>Name:</b>	Map to illustrate the Route of David Roberts Esq. R. A. in the Holy Land, Petrea and Syria
<b>Holding Museum:</b>	Sharjah Art Museum / Sharjah Museums Authority
<b>Date:</b>	Published 1849
<b>Materials:</b>	Coloured steel engraving
<b>Curator Justification:</b>	Readers were able to connect views with maps to create an idea of landscapes and environment.

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<b>Working Number:</b>	UK 081
<b>Name:</b>	Watercolour by Claude R. Conder
<b>Holding Museum:</b>	The Palestine Exploration Fund (PEF)
<b>Date:</b>	1870's
<b>Materials:</b>	-
<b>Curator Justification:</b>	Maps were produced by expert surveyors using cutting-edge equipment and techniques.

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<b>Working Number:</b>	UK 085
<b>Name:</b>	SWP Geological Map
<b>Holding Museum:</b>	The Palestine Exploration Fund (PEF)
<b>Date:</b>	1880's
<b>Materials:</b>	-
<b>Curator Justification:</b>	Maps were very useful for administrative and economic purposes.

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**Working Number:** IT1 082  
**Name:** Comic Map of Seat of War with Entirely New Features (London: Rock Brothers and Payne, 1854)  
**Holding Museum:** State Archives of Palermo  
**Date:** 1854  
**Materials:** -  
**Curator Justification:** Made during the Crimean War in 1854, this satirical map portrays countries and animals. The tyrannical Russian bear is faced off by the turkey (Turkey) and its allies the lion (England) and eagle (France).

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**Working Number:** TR2 066  
**Name:** Postal map  
**Holding Museum:** Istanbul Postal Museum  
**Date:** 1911  
**Materials:** -  
**Curator Justification:** This map charts the postal network across the Ottoman Empire.

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**Working Number:** TR2 113  
**Name:** Near Eastern and Balkan map  
**Holding Museum:** Istanbul University, Nadir Eserler Kütüphanesi (Rare Books Library)  
**Date:** 19th century  
**Materials:** Photograph  
**Curator Justification:** An Ottoman map of the Eastern Mediterranean, labelled in Turkish.

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**Working Number:** RO 039  
**Name:** Ottoman map of the Romanian countries  
**Holding Museum:** National Museum of Romanian History  
**Date:** Beginning of the 19th century  
**Materials:** -  
**Curator Justification:** An early 19th-century Ottoman map of Romania and surrounding areas, with borders between territories marked in different colours.

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**Working Number:** RO 045  
**Name:** Map of the 1877–1878 war  
**Holding Museum:** National Museum of Romanian History  
**Date:** 1877  
**Materials:** -  
**Curator Justification:** A map of Romania and surrounding areas at the start of the Russo-Ottoman war in 1877. Important cities and railways were marked, as well as colour-coding regions.

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**Working Number:** AT 039  
**Name:** Map of the Network of Caravans  
**Holding Museum:** Austrian State Archives  
**Date:** 1856  
**Materials:** -  
**Curator Justification:** The caravan routes of Egypt and Western Arabia are marked on this map.

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**Working Number:** UK 116  
**Name:** Map of caravan routes  
**Holding Museum:** The British Library  
**Date:** 1897  
**Materials:** -  
**Curator Justification:** This map was made to teach British students about the interconnecting trade and pilgrimage routes across North Africa.

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**Working Number:** IT1 125  
**Name:** A map of Tunisia (1:1,600,000) showing Italian agricultural settlements, mines, coral- and sponge-fishing areas and boat lines  
**Holding Museum:**  
**Date:** Italian Geographical Society (SGI)  
**Materials:** 1906  
**Curator Justification:** -  
This 1906 map of the French Protectorate of Tunisia was made in Italy. It shows Italian agricultural settlements, mines, coral- and sponge-fishing areas and shipping lines.

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**Working Number:** LB 101  
**Name:** Map of Beirut as it appeared in 1841  
**Holding Museum:** American University of Beirut  
**Date:** 1841  
**Materials:** -  
**Curator Justification:** A map of Beirut in 1841 before the extensive rebuilding works.

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**Working Number:** LB 099  
**Name:** Map of Beirut  
**Holding Museum:** American University of Beirut, Jafet Library, Archives and Special Collections Department  
**Date:** 1876  
**Materials:** -  
**Curator Justification:** A map of Beirut made in 1876 for presentation to Sultan 'Abd al-Hamid II. It is a detailed land-survey map of the area, marking the locations of government departments, consulates, military posts, educational and health institutions, public parks, cemeteries and archaeological sites.

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**Working Number:** TR2 112  
**Name:** Ottoman map of the period of Sultan Abdülhamid II  
**Holding Museum:** Istanbul University, Nadir Eserler Kütüphanesi (Rare Books Library)  
**Date:** 19th century  
**Materials:** Photograph  
**Curator Justification:** This map shows the Ottoman Empire under 'Abd al-Hamid II. The names of places are written in French.

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**Working Number:** TR2 114  
**Name:** Istanbul water pipeline map  
**Holding Museum:** Istanbul University, Nadir Eserler Kütüphanesi (Rare Books Library)  
**Date:** 19th century  
**Materials:** Photograph  
**Curator Justification:** A detailed map showing the water-pipeline network of Istanbul.

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