

1. When Europeans arrived in North America, the Wabanaki controlled what is now Maine. Find references to the Wabanaki on a map. What does the location or content of those references say about the Wabanaki existence at that time period? Is there anything you can gather from these maps about the relationship between the Wabanaki and colonists/citizens?
2. Find references to Maine's natural resources on these maps. What resources did you find? Does it seem that some resources were valued more at different time periods? Why do you think so?
3. Find the earliest map that shows railroads. What does the exact location of the railroad lines say about Maine at that time?
4. Find evidence of a reason tourists came to Maine in the late 1800s and early 1900s. What map(s) did you find that evidence on? How, if at all, does the technology or settlement practices of the time period relate to that motivation?
5. Find the differences between a map made during Maine's district-hood (before 1820) and a map made during Maine's statehood. Which maps did you look at, and what differences did you identify? What might those differences tell us about Maine's history?