

A Closer Look

Maps at Mia

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THIS IS A MAP

A True

B False



Answer: A (True)

The barkcloth paintings by the Mbuti people can be seen as maps of the forest. The patterns express the shapes and motions of the Ituri rainforests in the Democratic Republic of Congo where the Mbuti people live.

Unknown artist, Mbuti, Barkcloth panel, c. 1930, plant fibers, pigments, The Mary Ruth Weisel Endowment for Africa, Oceania, and the Americas and Gift of Robert T. Coffland in Memory of Mary Hunt Kahlenberg



**THIS MAP SHOWS EVERY HOUSE IN
AMSTERDAM IN 1625**

A True

B False



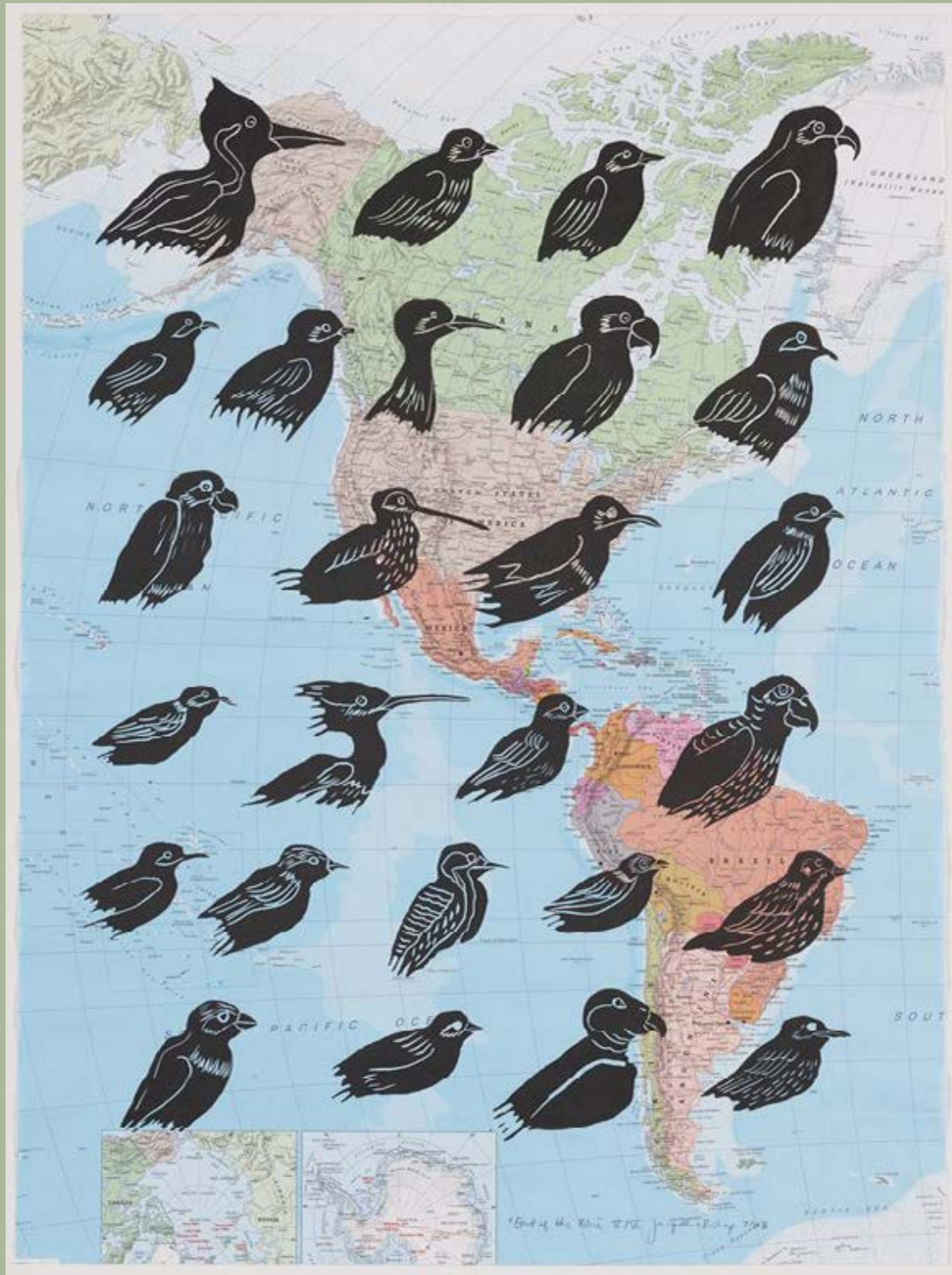
Answer: A (True)

This map by cartographer Balthasar Florisz van Berckenrode is one of the last examples of a single map showing every house in Amsterdam. Talk about detail!

Vocabulary

Cartographer: a person who draws or produces maps.

Balthasar Florensz van Berckenrode, *View of Amsterdam*, 1625 (probably printed later), woodcut with letterpress, The John R. Van Derlip Fund

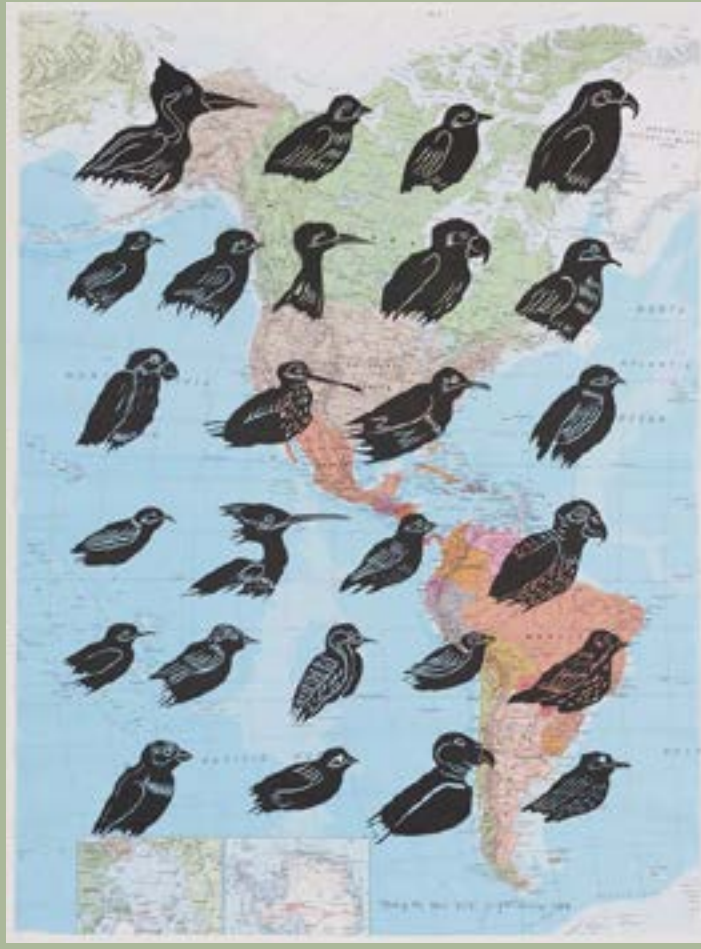


WHAT DO THE BIRDS ON THE MAP REPRESENT?

(A) Extinct or endangered birds

(B) Favorite birds of the artist

(C) Birds that migrate in this part of the world



Answer: A (Extinct or endangered birds)

Since 1500, at least 157 species of birds have become extinct due to overhunting and habitat destruction. The artist Jacqueline Bishop painted 26 silhouettes of extinct and critically endangered birds as “a reminder of what has been lost in the natural world.”

Vocabulary

Endangered: When so few are left alive on the planet, the entire species is in danger of disappearing forever.

Extinct: When an entire species no longer exists.

Jacqueline Bishop; Publisher: Zanatta Editions, Shawnee, Kansas; Printer: Michael Costello, *Out of the Blue (State 2)*, 2013, linocut in black ink printed on commercial map, Gift Of Zanatta Editions in Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts



**WHAT MEDIUM IS THIS PAINTED
GLOBE MADE OUT OF?**

(A) Leather

(B) Silk

(C) Paper



Answer: B (Silk)

This painted globe from 1814 is made of silk and dyed pigments. Why did artist Mary Harlan make it? Maybe to get a better sense of the world.

Vocabulary

Globe: A map displayed on a round surface.



**THE KIDS ARE SITTING AROUND A
MAP OF BIG CITIES**

A True

B False



Answer: B (False)

The kids are sitting around a map depicting a night scene of the constellations. In the center, you can see Polaris, also known as the North Star, which has a gravitational pull that brings the children closer to one another.

Vocabulary

Constellations: Groups of stars in a special pattern, as seen from earth.

3 Ways to Explore Maps

1) In the galleries

The artworks featured in the quiz are not on view now in Mia's galleries. But you can navigate Mia's map and see how the galleries are organized and mapped out.

2) Online

Swipe up to take a closer look at maps in the collection.

3) In the world around you

Look for maps in the places around you like parks and museums. Create your own map inspired by the activities in this month's Virtual Family Day!



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