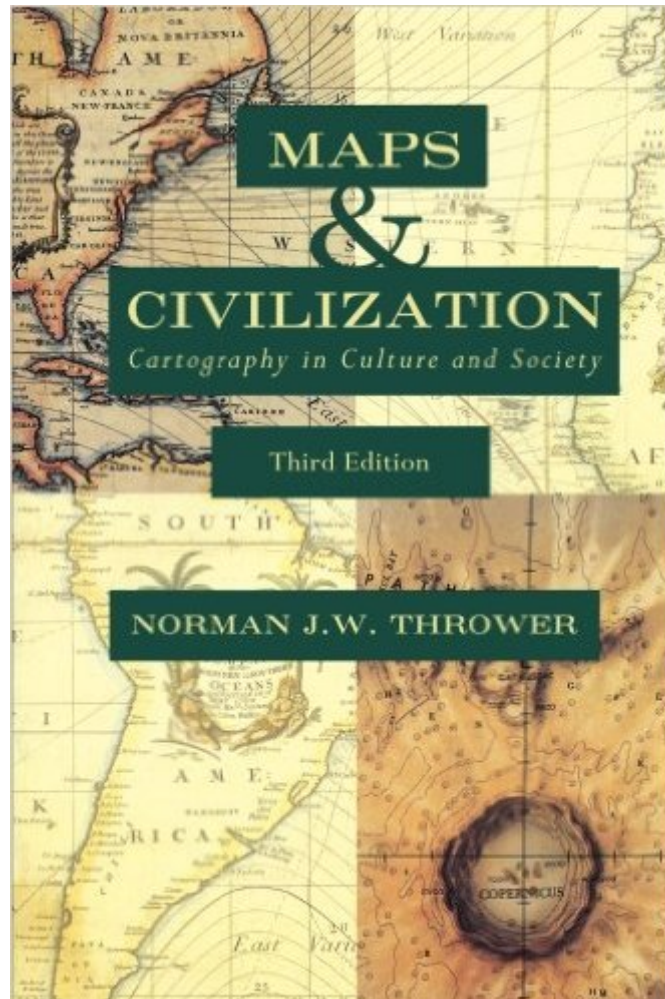


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Required for a college course, but very interesting

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