

Chapter 1 Discussion Questions

1. Chapter 1 argues that prompt cartography relocates cartographic judgment rather than replacing it. What parts of mapmaking become more visible when decisions are expressed in language instead of code, GUI clicks, or tacit habits?
2. The chapter frames the prompt cartographer as a director rather than a passive user of AI. Where does that metaphor clarify responsibility, and where might it oversimplify the relationship between human intent and machine output?
3. Maps continue to persuade even when machines help produce them. How should accountability be assigned when an LLM-assisted map misleads, overstates, or quietly inherits a biased design convention?
4. Chapter 1 emphasizes purpose, audience, and what users remember. How might a prompt-first workflow help students or professionals become more explicit about those long-standing cartographic concerns?
5. What anxieties about LLM-assisted cartography seem reasonable, and which might come from misunderstanding the difference between automation and delegation?