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## Map Making – Creating a Diseño (Handout #12)

You are planning to petition the governor of Alta California for a land grant. As part of your petition, you must submit a diseño. A diseño was made utilizing a reata (a 50 to 60-foot rope made from leather.) A pole was tied to each end of the reata. To measure the land, one vaquero would hold the pole in place while the other would walk or ride his horse with the other pole until the rope was entirely stretched out. Here they would make a mark and continue measuring until the entire area was measured. The vaqueros would utilize natural landmarks, such as hilltops, streambeds, skulls of cattle and large trees as markers.

Create your own diseño by utilizing a long piece of yarn and measuring a specified area of your school yard. Mark down natural landmarks or things placed in and around your school yard as your markers.