Instructions for Book Report on 
*The Map that Changed the World* 
By Simon Winchester

I would like you to write a 3-5 page report on Winchester’s book that addresses the following questions (use these as subheadings in your report): 

Introduction – brief general summary of the book 
Preconceptions – What preconceptions about the way the earth formed did Smith need to overcome during his time? 
Observations – What observations did Smith make that lead to his understanding of the principles of stratigraphy and biostratigraphy? What was one of Smith’s major “ah-ha” moments? 
Struggles – What personal and professional struggles and barriers held Smith back from having his ideas initially accepted by the geologic community? 
The Map – How did his map change the world?