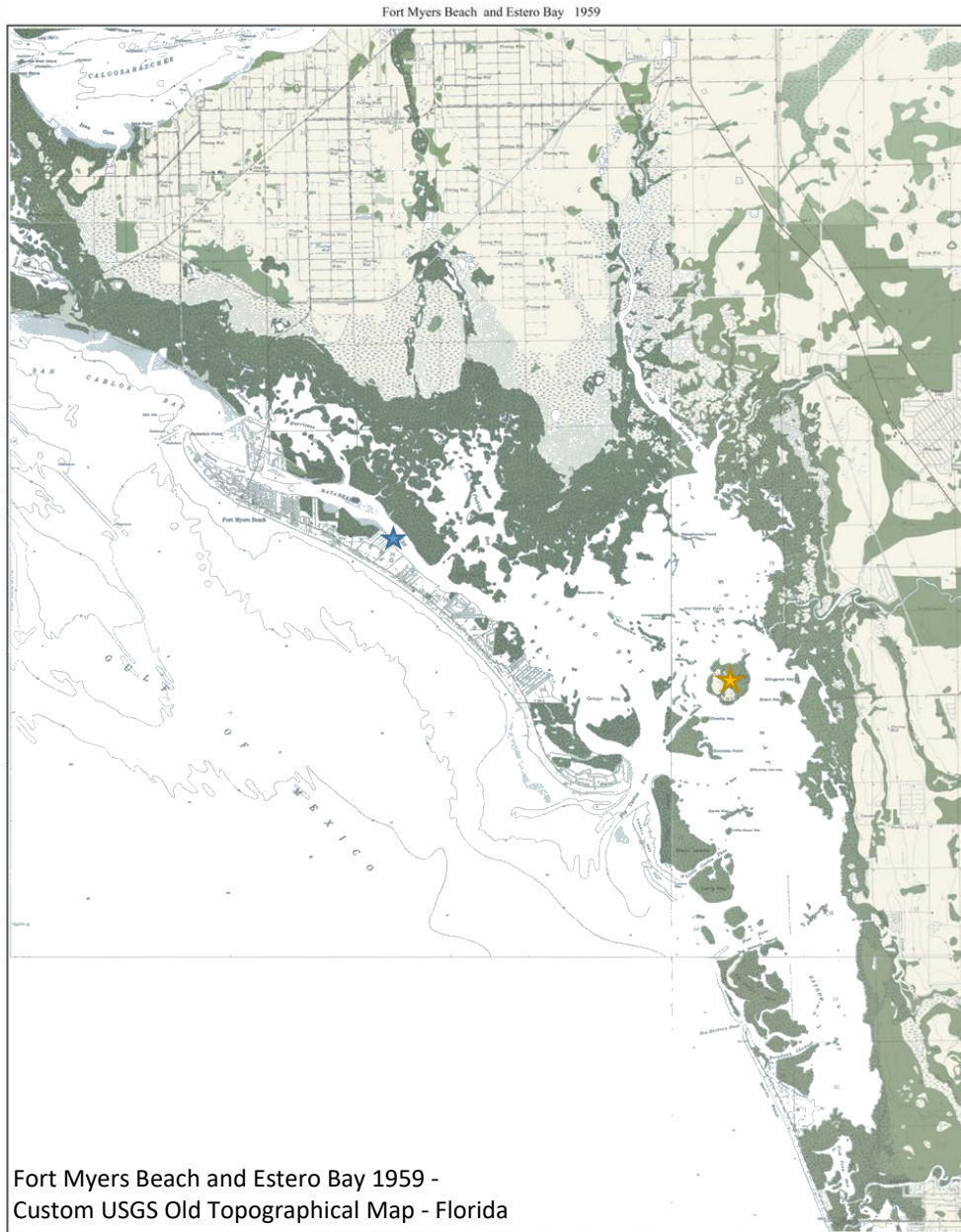




Calusa Map Quest

Mound House site is designated by the blue star. The Mound Key site is designated by the gold star. Use the map to follow the instructions and answer the questions.



The Calusa sites marked on the map are located in estuary ecosystems. Estuaries are bodies of water where fresh water and salt water mix together.

1. Color the freshwater sources yellow
2. Color the salt water blue
3. Color green where the freshwater and saltwater mix

4. The Calusa Indians built villages and towns on top of middens made up of discarded shells, broken pottery, animal bones and other discarded materials. Why do you think the Calusa chose to build up their towns at the sites marked by stars on the map?



The next map shows a lot more area, including Charlotte Harbor. Think of it as “zooming out” from the first map.



1. Use the first map as a reference to help you locate the Mound House and Mound Key on this map. Identify those sites on this map by drawing arrows, circling, or highlighting them.
2. Other known Calusa sites are on Pine Island and Sanibel. Locate and label Pine Island and Sanibel.
3. The Calusa Indians used waterways for extensive travel. One of the most popularly traveled waterways was the Caloosahatchee River. Locate and label the Caloosahatchee River.

4. What do all of the Calusa site locations have in common?

Bonus: Can you find your school or your home on either of the maps? If so, label them in your favorite color!