

*first only for the Relief of my own Memory; I afterwards, methodiz'd those Collections, for the Use of some young Persons, then under my Care; to whom I communicated 'em, and (with the help of Maps) endeavour'd to make them understand Geographical Terms, the Situation of Countries, &c. and in the mean while, I continued making Additions, as Opportunity offer'd.*

*About three Years since, I inserted my new Collections in their proper Places, reduc'd the whole into something like the Form in which it now appears; and then dictated them to a fresh Set of Youths: My chief Views were to take off their Minds from those follies and Vanities, to which Youth is generally addicted: To fit them for Conversation: to lead them to contemplate and admire the Power and Wisdom of the Supreme Being, in forming and governing so vast a World as this of ours:*