

Map Skills

A map is a model of the Earth shown on a flat surface.

On the map you can find each of the seven continents on the map: North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and Antarctica.

Each of the oceans on the map: Atlantic Ocean, Southern Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, and Arctic Ocean.

Every map has five important elements:

- Title
- Legend/Key
- Compass Rose
- Scale
- Inset Map

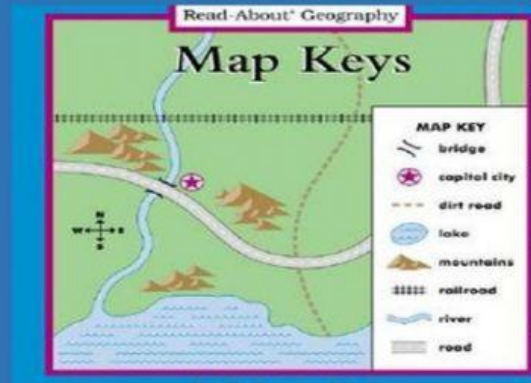
The Title

The title tells you the purpose of the map.



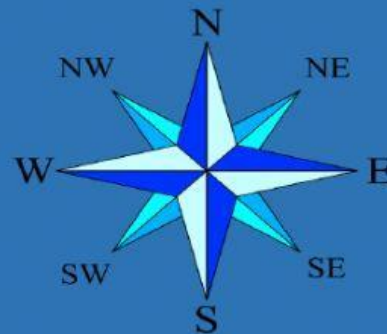
The Legend

The legend shows you what symbols on the map mean. It is also known as a key.



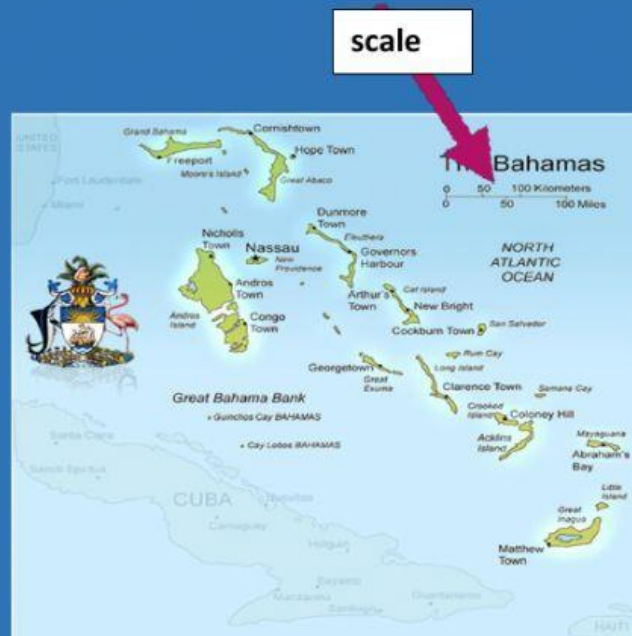
The Compass

The compass rose is a directional arrow that shows cardinal and directions on a map.



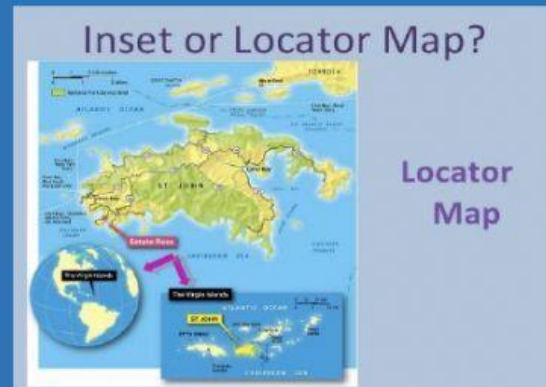
The Scale

The map scale is used to show the relationship of distance shown on the map to real distance on the Earth.



The Inset

The inset map is a smaller map that shows a “larger” area of land around the map.

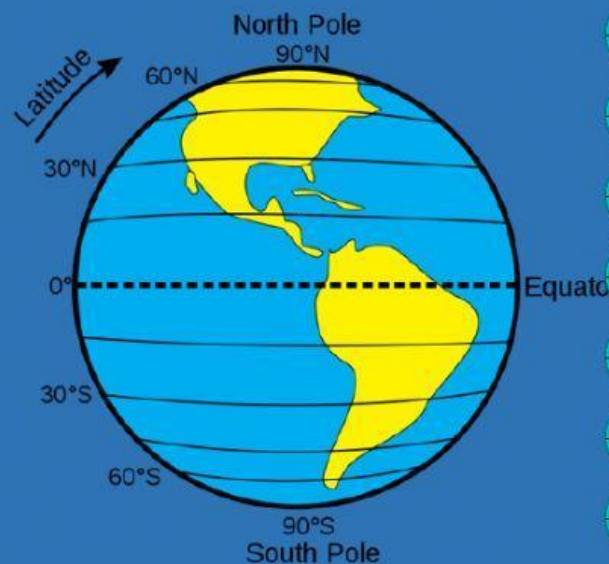


LONGITUDE AND LATITUDE LINES

Longitude and latitude lines are the crisscrossing lines with numbers by them you would see on a map. These lines and numbers form a grid system that allows us to describe the exact location of any place on Earth.

Latitude Lines

Latitude lines are lines running east to west around the Earth. They measure degrees north and south of the equator.



Longitude Lines

Longitude lines are the lines running north to south around the Earth are called lines of longitude. They measure degrees east and west of the Prime Meridian.

