

Major Parts to a Good Map

Legend: Explains the symbols

Orientation: Compass rose or longitude and latitude; Gives direction

Scale: Gives distance (i.e. one inch on the map equals 50 miles)

Title: Identifies the main topic of the map

Labeling: Largest features (oceans/continents/countries) = All capital letters

Water = Blue

All other labeling = Black/#2 pencil

Always print

Author: Identifies the person who made the map

Date: Indicates the age of the map

Symbols: Represents actual items

Optional Components

Figure/Ground Relationship

Surrounding Places

Source

Grid

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*Only use pencil on maps