

Mapping Skills Study Guide

Mapping Vocabulary

Map - A flat drawing of all or part of the earth's surface.

Equator - An imaginary line around the middle of the earth.
The equator divides the earth into the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere.

Prime Meridian - An imaginary line that runs from the North Pole to the South Pole.

Hemisphere - Something that is half of a globe or a sphere.
The prime meridian divides the earth into the Western Hemisphere and the Eastern Hemisphere.

Regions - Place that have common characteristics .

Globe - A map of the earth that is shaped like a sphere.

Continent- The seven large land masses on Earth.

Country - An area of land ruled as a nation; may contain cities and states.

Oceans- The largest bodies of water on Earth.

Compass rose - A drawing used to label directions.

Map Key - A box explaining symbols used on a map.

Scale - Used for measuring distance on a map.

Symbol - a picture that stands for something else.

Title - The words or names that tell us what is on a map.

Location - A certain spot on our planet, in our country, or in our classroom.

Grid - A pattern of lines forming squares on a map; used for locating places.

Coordinate - A set of numbers and letters that tell a specific location on a map.

Cartographer - A person who makes maps.

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Be able to label the following items on a map

Continents: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, South America, Oceans: Arctic Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean, and Southern Ocean

Be able to label the prime meridian and equator on a map. Then label the northern, southern, eastern, and western hemispheres.

Be able to label:

a compass rose (cardinal directions)

Be able to read and find coordinates for items on a grid.