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.