

Map Terms Study Sheet 2

1. compass A tool that shows the directions of north, south, east, and west.
2. equator An imaginary line that divides the earth into northern and southern hemispheres.
3. latitude Lines that run parallel to the equator, measuring distance north or south.
4. longitude Lines that run from the North Pole to the South Pole, measuring distance east or west.
5. scale Represents the ratio of distance on the map to actual distance on the ground.
6. legend A key that explains the symbols used on a map.
7. hemisphere Half of the earth, usually divided into northern, southern, eastern, or western.
8. prime meridian The zero-degree longitude line that runs through Greenwich, England.
9. topography The arrangement of natural and artificial features of an area.
10. meridian Another name for a line of longitude.
11. grid A system of intersecting lines used to locate points on a map.
12. key Another term for a map's legend.
13. cartography The science or practice of drawing maps.
14. atlas A collection of maps, often in book form.
15. contour line A line on a map that shows elevation by connecting points of equal height.
16. coordinates A set of numbers that define a specific location on a map.
17. cardinal directions The four main points on a compass: north, south, east, and west.
18. relief The variation in elevation and landform shapes in a region.
19. symbol A picture or icon used on a map to represent different features.
20. International Date Line The line where one day ends and the next begins, located opposite the prime meridian.
21. political map A type of map that shows boundaries, countries, and cities.
22. physical map A type of map that shows natural features such as mountains and rivers.
23. projection A way to flatten the earth's surface to make a map.
24. climate map A type of map that shows the weather patterns of different areas.