

Map Skills Activity





Main Map Types

- <u>General reference</u>: simple map showing important physical features in an area
 -Ex: road maps, physical features, tourist map
- <u>Thematic maps</u>: depicts information on a particular topic
 Ex: weather, population density, geologic features
- <u>Topographic</u>: shows landscape in an area with the elevation in detail
 -ex: elevation with emphasis
 on physical features and themes

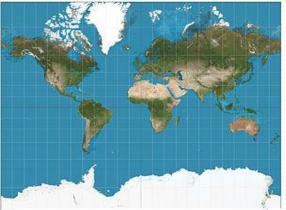




Map Projections

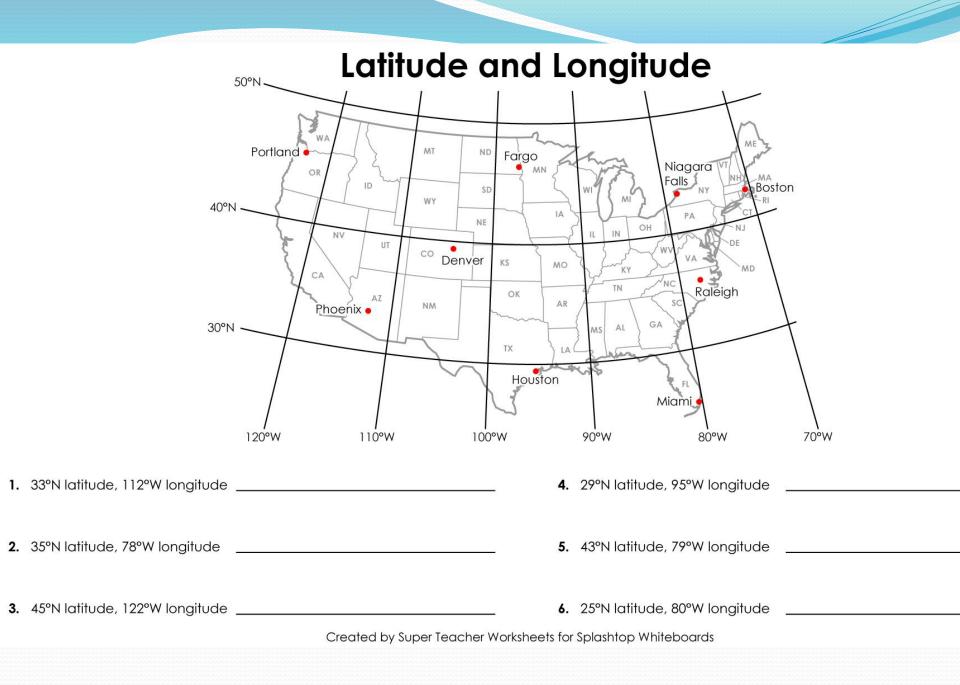
- <u>Cylindrical</u>: most common, landmass size distortion at top and bottom
- <u>Conic</u>: cone shaped image, image distorted the farther down the map

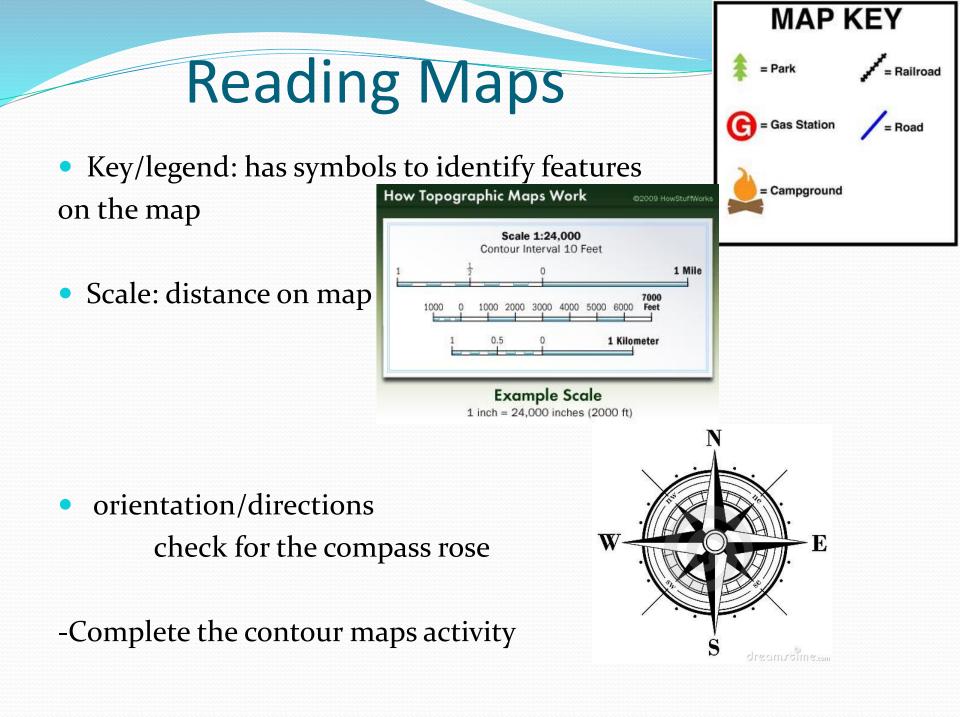
• <u>Interrupted</u>: accurate depiction but leaves some areas blank



Latitude and Longitude

- Read and complete Exercise 6: Latitude and Longitude
- Make sure to pay attention to the cardinal directions
 - North South East West





Creating a map

- Steps to create your map
- 1. Come up with a title
- 2. Decide on what features will be included
- 3. Create a key to identify all included features
- 4. Create a scale to ensure your map is accurate
- 5. Gather necessary data to create your map
- 6. Orient your map with a compass rose
- 7. Begin drawing your map (make sure to label features)

Map creation

- You will now create two maps of different areas in the quad
 - Map 1: create a detailed vegetation map of the quad, showing the different areas with plants, trees, and grass. Make sure your map is an aerial view of the quad.
 - Map **2**: create a contour map of the stage in the center of the quad. Make sure to include the front and back of the stage.