

GEOGRAPHY MAP RULES AND RUBRIC

***Keep in your binder all year!**

~Replacements can be found on the class websites.

Basic Map Rules

1. A $\frac{1}{4}$ **inch black boarder** is always needed.
2. Borders must be drawn neatly with a **ruler**.
3. Be sure to correctly place all items. **Pay attention to Latitude and Longitude** as you draw.
4. **Properly identify** all listed items including: Names of Countries, Cities, Physical Features, Water Bodies, etc. ...
5. **All writing** must be done in black (land) or blue (water) printed letters. You cannot use cursive writing anywhere on the map!
6. Rules for Capitalizing: Alphabet letters of listed places are all capitalized for the following: **MAP TITLE, MAP KEY, CONTINENTS, COUNTRIES and OCEANS**. Only capitalize the first letter of everything else!
7. The **TITLE** must be located at the top of the map. Place the title in a box so the color white is the background.
8. Go over the **country and continent borders with a black line**. Go over **latitude and longitude lines in blue or black ink**.
9. Be sure to use the correct **Map Type**: Physical, Political, or Thematic.
10. Include a **Map Key** on all maps! It must be neat. The map key will include symbols for cities, rivers, national boundaries, and special features. Place your key in an area of the map where it is not blocking any important items.
11. A **Compass Rose** is always needed. Be neat and colorful.
12. Place your **Name, Date and Class period** inside the border at the lower right-hand corner. Be Neat!
13. Any shade of **BLUE** can only be used to represent water bodies including: oceans, seas, gulfs, bays, rivers, lakes, etc. It **CANNOT** be used to color land or countries!
14. Do not use **black, white** (represents ice caps or glaciers), **tan** or **gray** as your main country/continent colors. **Tan** are used as neutral colors for countries/continents that border your particular country or continent.
15. **Use proper colors**: Neutral countries/continents are colored any shade of tan.
16. You May turn in your map earlier than expected for **extra credit**.
17. Anyone wishing **assistance** with any Map Project may see me before or after school or during iFlight.

OVERALL NEATNESS, FOLLOWING RUBRIC AND EFFORT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS!

Map Rubric

Proper Identification of Places: 50 Points

Proper Colors, Coloring Neatness and Drawing of the Map: 50 points

Correct Map Type: 25 Points

Printing Rules: 25 Points

Correct Spelling: 10 Points

Compass Rose Quality: 10 Points

Title (Neatness & Proper Location): 10 Points

Map Key: 10 Points

Correct Placement of Name, Date, and Class: 5 Points

Black Border: 5 Points