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NOTE SET: MAPPING CONVENTIONS

BORDER:

1. Draw a border around your map.
2. This should be a simple, straight line 1 cm from the edge of the page.
3. **USE A RULER**
4. If you encounter other information, simply draw the border right through it.

TITLE:

1. All **CAPITAL** letters
2. **LARGEST** lettering on the map. (This does not mean it needs to be huge.)
3. The title should clearly tell what the map is about. **i.e. Canada: Political**
4. Do not underline title.

Usually, the title of the map is found at the top however, you may place the title wherever there is adequate space.

LABELING

There are two basic types of labeling: **political** and **physical**.

POLITICAL:

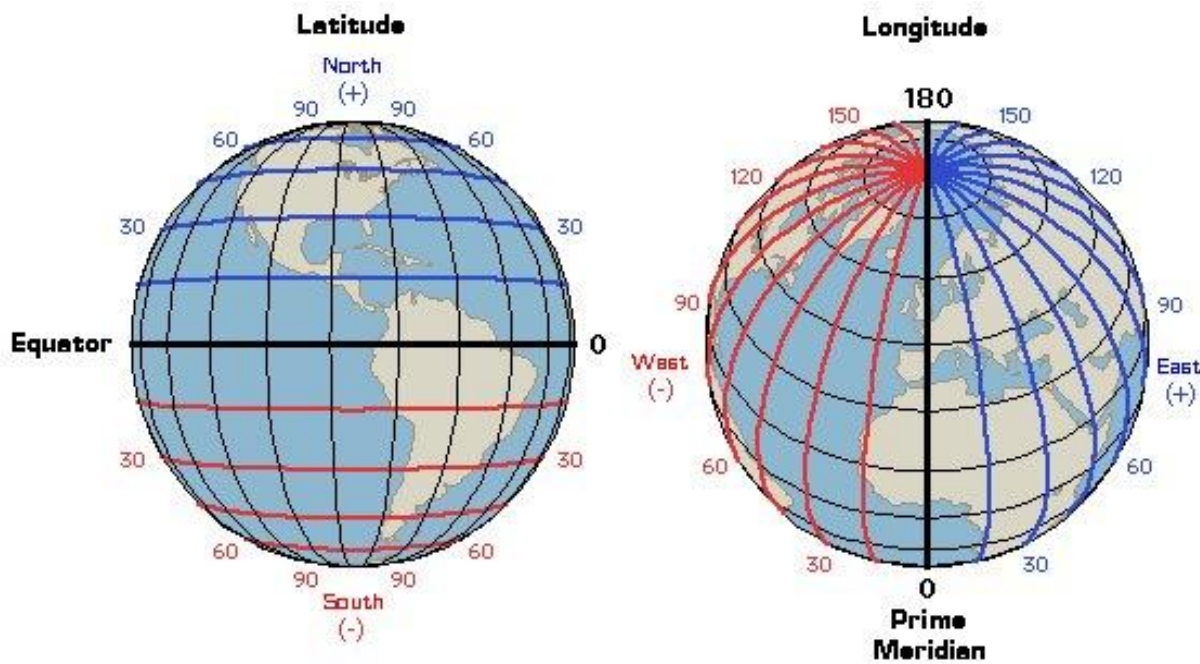
1. Man made features (i.e. countries, cities, provinces etc...)
2. Label horizontally
3. Do not underline
4. CONTINENTS, COUNTRIES, PROVINCES/STATES – ALL CAPITALS
5. Cities – Proper Case (capitalize the first letter of each word)
 - a. use a dot to locate city on map
 - b. Capital Cities should use a different symbol
6. Abbreviations may be used if there is not enough space for the full name.
However, the abbreviated word must be a commonly recognized (i.e. P.E.I. for Prince Edward Island).

PHYSICAL:

1. Natural features (i.e. mountain ranges, oceans, rivers etc...)
2. Labeling should follow the feature
3. OCEANS – ALL CAPITALS
4. All others - Capitalize the first letter of each word
5. Outline all oceans, lakes and rivers with a sharp blue pencil crayon.
- this should be the only blue on your map
6. Abbreviations may be used if there is not enough space for the full name.
However, the abbreviated word must be a commonly recognized (i.e. R. for River, L. for Lake, Mtns. for Mountains).

DIRECTION INDICATOR & LOCATION:

Location is determined upon the surface of the earth by a series of imaginary lines that measure degrees north and south of the equator -- called parallels of latitude (0 - 90 degrees north; and 0 - 90 degrees south), and that measure degrees west and east of the prime meridian -- meridians of longitude (0 - 180 degrees west, and 0 - 180 degrees east)



1. Place a direction indicator on a meridian of longitude.
2. Ensure arrow head of the direction indicator is right over the meridian.
3. If no lines of longitude are present make you best attempt to have your direction indicator point north.

MAP LEGEND:

1. Legend – is a key to all the symbols used on a map (i.e. cities, capital cities, mountains etc...)
2. Ensure symbols used on the map match the symbols in the legend.
3. **Do not place water in the legend.**



Land Features

England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	Ireland
<i>*London*</i>	<i>*Edinburgh*</i>	<i>*Cardiff*</i>	<i>*Belfast*</i>	<i>*Dublin*</i>
Nottingham	Glasgow	Fishguard	Londonderry	Cork
Liverpool	Kirkwall	Caernarfon	---	Limerick
York	---	---	---	---

Each country needs to have its borders outlined in a different colour (include each colour's meaning in the legend).

Water Features

Atlantic Ocean	North Sea	Irish Sea	English Channel	Thames (river)
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Outline lakes and rivers in blue (do not need to outline around each country in blue).

Standard	1.2
Extending	Map has all features listed and is immaculate.
Proficient	Map has all features listed and is neat and tidy.
Developing	Map is either missing a few features or is messy in areas.
Emerging	Map is missing many features or is really messy.

