# MAP SKILLS

# LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE

• To study the world, geographers use a patter of **imaginary** lines that circle the globe called a **grid**.

These grids help use locate places

around the worlc

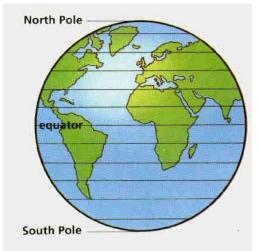
Lines of Latitude and Longitude are measured in degrees (Symbol: 2

### LINES OF LATITUDE

- Lines of <u>Latitude</u> are also called <u>parallels</u> because they run parallel to each other.
- These lines measure distance <u>north</u> and <u>south</u> of the <u>equator</u>.

 The equator is an imaginary line that circles the globe <u>halfway</u> between the North and

South Poles.



## LATITUDE CONTINUES

- The Equator represents <u>0</u>° latitude.
- Lines of Latitude range from 0°, to 90°N or 90°S

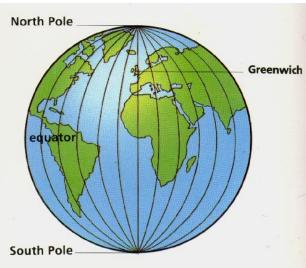
#### LINES OF LONGITUDE

- Lines of **longitude** are also called **meridians**.
- They measure distance <u>east</u> and <u>west</u> of the <u>Prime Meridian</u>.

• The Prime Meridian is an imaginary line that runs through Greenwich, England. It

represents 0° longitude North Pole

 180 ° is called the International Dateline.



#### **HEMISPHERES**

- The equator dives the globe into two halves, called <u>hemispheres</u>.
- The half <u>north</u> of the <u>equator</u> is called the <u>Northern</u> Hemisphere.
- The half <u>south</u> of the <u>equator</u> is called the <u>Southern</u> Hemisphere.

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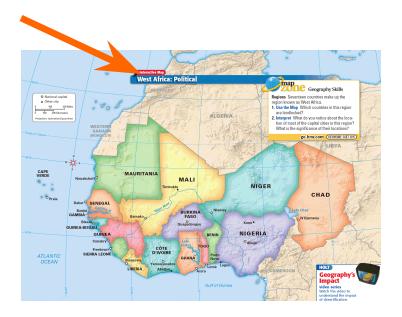
- The <u>Prime Meridian</u> and the 180° line of longitude also divide the globe into hemispheres.
- The half located <u>east</u> of the Prime Meridian is the <u>Eastern</u> Hemisphere.
- The half located <u>west</u> of the Prime Meridian is called the <u>Western</u> Hemisphere.

## MAP ESSENTIALS

- Every map must have **five** things.
  - <u>Title</u>
  - Compass Rose
  - Scale
  - Legend
  - Border

#### TITLE AND COMPASS ROSE

 The <u>title</u> of a map shows what the subject of a map is.

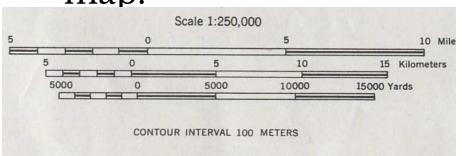


- The <u>compass rose</u> shows which way is north, south, east, and west on a map.
- A compass rose has arrows that point to all four principal directions



# SCALE AND LEGEND

• Scales represent the distance between two points on a map.



 The <u>legend</u>, or key, explains what symbols on a map

