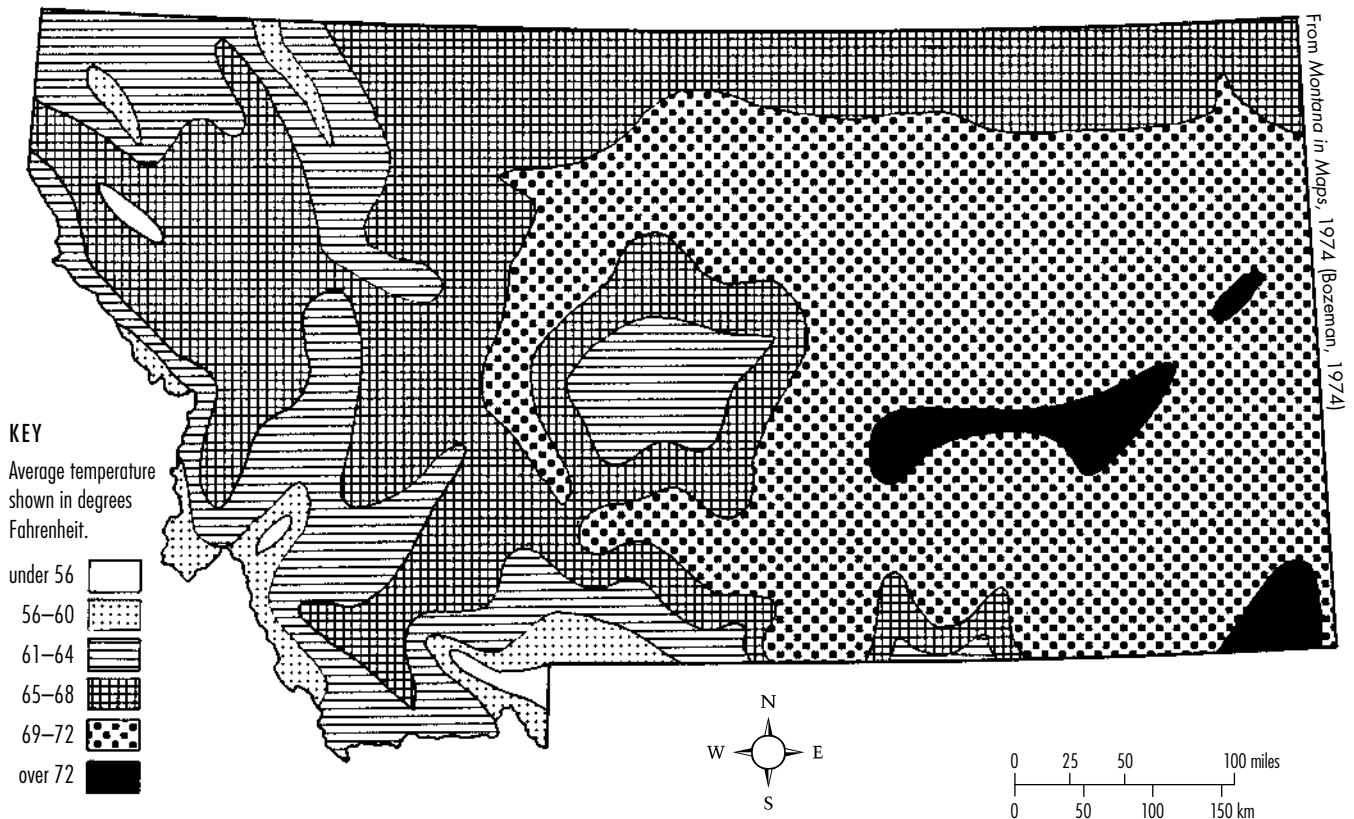


CHAPTER 1 / Map Skills: Reading a Map

Maps are important tools for historians as well as geographers. Maps are used to describe physical and political features. They are also used to illustrate climate, precipitation, population, economic factors, and many other interesting facts about a region.

Study the map below and then answer the questions that follow.

Average July Temperature



- (1) What is the name of this map? _____
- (2) What does the key tell you? _____
- (3) How do you know where temperatures average 56–60 degrees? _____
- (4) What is the temperature range shown on this map? _____
- (5) Using the scale, what is the approximate distance between Montana's northern and southern borders?

- (6) The directional arrow shows north, south, east, and west. North is usually shown at the top of the arrow. Using the directional arrow, in which direction(s) do you find the coldest July temperatures? _____