

# Unit 1: Map Skills Vocabulary

- 1 Archipelago a large group or chain of islands
- 2 Equator the imaginary line that divides the earth into northern and southern hemispheres.
- 3 Absolute location exact location of a place on the Earth described by local coordinates.
- 4 Climograph combination line and bar graph giving information about temperatures and precipitation
- 5 Hemisphere One half of the globe; the Equator divides the Earth into Northern and Southern Hemispheres; the Prime Meridian divides it into Eastern and Western Hemispheres.
- 6 Landform individual feature of the land, such as a mountain or valley
- 7 Physical Map map that shows landforms and water features
- 8 Bar graph graph in which vertical or horizontal bars represent quantities
- 9 Compass rose map symbol that shows directions, such as north, south, east, and west
- 10 Fossil Fuel fuel formed in the earth, such as coal, oil, or natural gas.
- 11 Line Graph graph in which one or more lines represent changing quantities over time
- 12 Pictograph rows of small pictures or symbols with each one representing an amount.
- 13 Circle Graph round or pie-shaped graph showing how the whole is divided up
- 14 Geographical Tools tools used in geography, which often are used in defining spatial , relations. Such as Maps, GIS, Remote Sensing Observations, Surveys, Mathematical models

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| 15 | Legend or Map Key      | explains the lines, symbols and colors used on a map.  |
| 16 | Political Map          | shows the names and boundaries of countries, the location of cities and other human-made features of a place   |
| 17 | Climate                | usual, predictable pattern of weather in an area over a long period of time  |
| 18 | Meridians of Longitude | the many lines on the global grid running from the North Pole to the South Pole; used to measure degrees of longitude.   |
| 19 | GIS                    | GIS is a system of hardware and software used for storage, retrieval, mapping and analysis of geographic data.   |
| 20 | Parallels of Latitude  | the many lines on the global grid that circle the earth, north or south of the Equator; used to measure degrees of latitude.                                       |
| 21 | GPS                    | Global Positioning System: a group of satellites that travel around the Earth, which can be used to pinpoint an exact location on the earth.                       |
| 22 | Prime Meridian         | line of the global grid running from the North Pole to the South Pole through Greenwich, England, starting point for measuring degrees of east and west longitude. |
| 23 | Relative Location      | a point or place in relation to another point or place   |
| 24 | Scale                  | relationship between distance on a map and actual distance on the earth  |
| 25 | Urban Centers          | a city or group of cities closely located  |
| 26 | Thematic map           | a map that shows a particular theme about a region. For example, population, climate, agricultural, etc.   |

- 27 weather            the state of the atmosphere, with respect to variables, such as, temperature, moisture, wind velocity, etc.
- 28 Water form        a body of water, a lake, stream, ocean or river.
- 29 Contemporary     the last 50 years.