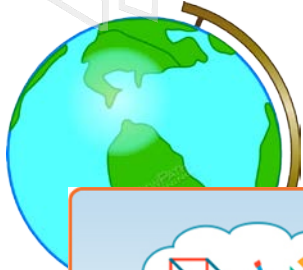


## TYPES OF MAPS AND COMPASS SKILLS

### What are Maps?

Maps are pictures that show places **from above**, as is they were drawn by someone in an airplane. Maps have titles to tell what the map shows.

**Globe** - a model of the Earth, a very small copy of Earth in its actual round shape, which is called a sphere



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**Physical Map** - shows landforms and bodies of water

**Political Map** - shows borders of states and countries. It shows where cities are located. Capital cities are usually marked with a star.

**History map** - shows an area as it was in the past. A map of the Thirteen Colonies is a history map.

**Grid maps** - have a pattern of lines that form squares with numbers and letters. Numbers may go across the bottom. Letters may go up the sides. By finding a square associated with a letter and a number you can easily locate places.

**Locator map** - a small inset that shows how a place fits into a bigger place

## What is a Compass?



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**Intermediate directions** - places between the cardinal directions, northeast, northwest, southeast, southwest

## Other Map Vocabulary Words:

**Atlas** - a book of many maps

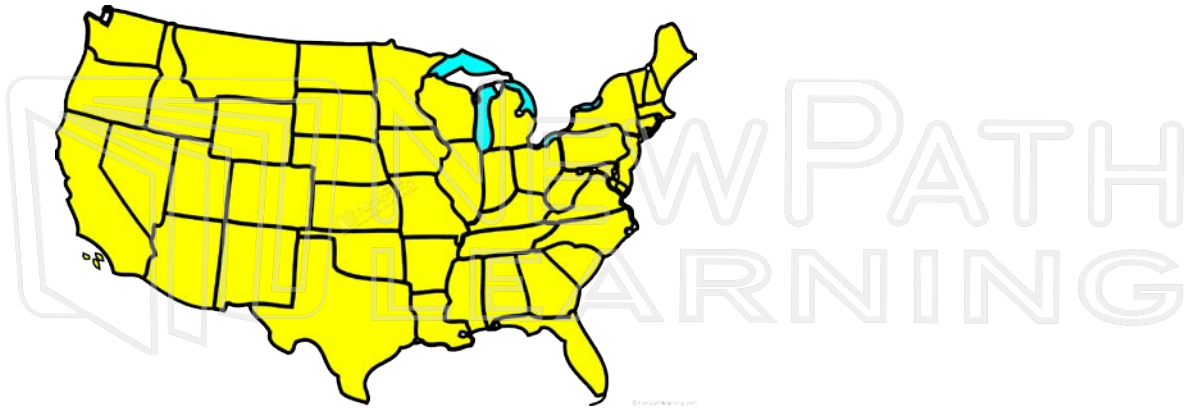
**Border** - a boundary line that divides one state or country from another

**Symbol** - a shape, line or color that stands for something on a map

**Map key** - a box in which all the symbols are explained. Sometimes called a map legend

**Scale** - a tiny ruler that compares the actual distance to the distance on a map

**Try this!**



Look at a map of the United States.

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