**Map Vocabulary**

1. Compass Rose- the direction marker on a map.

2. Cardinal Directions- the 4 main directions: north, east, south, and west.

3. Intermediate Directions- directions between the cardinal directions: northeast, southeast, southwest, and northwest.

4. Map Key- the part of the map that explains what the symbols on the map stand for. “Legend” is a synonym

5. Symbols- sign on a map that represents something else.

6. Latitude- lines that circle around the Earth to show exact location north or south of the Equator. Known as parallels.

10. Equator- an imaginary line of latitude that lies halfway between the north and south poles at 0 degrees latitude. (Like a belt!)

7. Longitude- lines that run from north to south to show exact location east or west of the Prime Meridian. Known as meridians.

11. Prime Meridian- the line of longitude marked 0 degrees, from which other meridians are numbered.

9. Degree- the unit used to measure distance on the earth.

8. Scale- a line to show the distance on a map as related to the real world.

12. Physical map: shows the geography and natural features of Earth.

13. Political map: shows location and borders of cities, states, countries, etc.