

Teacher Resource: Components of a Map

Title: Located at the top of the map and tells exactly the area the map is showing.

Legend: These are symbols that indicate features on a map such as roads, rivers, houses, parks, forests.

North Arrow/Compass Rose: Orienting the map is important to know so the North Arrow shows which way is north. It can also show all 4 cardinal directions which is called a Compass Rose. **Scale:** Maps are smaller than the actual size of the area they are showing so the scale indicator tells how far a distance on a map is in real life.

Grid: Some maps have a series of horizontal and vertical lines that split the map into smaller parts and are labelled at one end or side of the map.

Border: This shows where the map ends.