



Map Creation

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Score
Design	The map quickly shows the desired phenomenon. Evidence that pride and care were taken in presentation. Text is legible and neat. Color is used appropriately to enhance map. All map elements have the appropriate weight on the map.	Clear, uncluttered, and attractive presentation. Text is legible and neat. May not have the best color or placement choices, but the map is satisfactory.	Project appears rushed and somewhat careless, but the content is legible. The map is not beautiful, but may be somewhat functional.	Careless, hurried, and messy presentation. It's difficult to understand what is being mapped. Text is difficult to read. Color choices are detrimental to understanding the map.	
Mapped Area	The mapped area is as large as possible, leaving room for the other map elements. The area is appropriate for the mapped phenomenon. The area is neatly drawn, and is an appropriate projection. Location maps are included as needed.	The mapped area is as large as possible, leaving room for the other map elements. The area is appropriate for the mapped phenomenon. The area could be drawn more neatly.	The mapped area looks sloppy. The area is appropriate and clear, but not attractive. The projection may not be appropriate.	The mapped area is chosen and drawn poorly. It is not placed well on the map. It may be too small or off center. The projection may not be appropriate.	
Title and Subtitle	Title clearly reflects purpose of map and is neatly and attractively lettered. If there is a subtitle, it is appropriately placed, and helps explain the title.	Title reflects purpose of map.	Title is present, but does not reflect purpose of map. May be placed poorly, or be too long.	Title is missing, inappropriate. Map has no clear purpose.	
Text	Appropriate font has been chosen.	Labels are clear and correct. Some	Some labels are missing,	Text does not clearly	

	Labels are easy to read and correct. All important features are clearly labeled. Labels are well placed, and do not cover any lines.	labels may not have the best placement or font.	incorrect, or difficult to read.	communicate on the map. Text looks sloppy, is difficult to read, poorly placed, or difficult to understand.	
Legend and Classification	Legend clearly explains the symbols on the map. Classification chosen is appropriate for the theme. Legend is neat and looks professional.	Legend clearly explains the symbols on the map. Classification chosen is appropriate for the theme.	Legend clearly explains the symbols on the map.	Legend is unclear. It is difficult to interpret the symbols on the map. The classification is not appropriate. The legend looks sloppy.	
Scale	A scale bar is included. The bar is easy to use, but not easily noticed. The bar is appropriately sized for the mapped area. The numbers on the scale bar are whole numbers, and easy to use. It is labeled clearly and neatly.	A scale bar is included. The bar is easy to use, but not easily noticed. It is labeled clearly.	A correct scale bar is included.	The scale bar is missing, incorrect, or difficult to use.	
Additional map features	Map includes all additional features required by the assignment, such as north arrow, frameline, neatline, source, date, and author.	Map includes most of the additional map features required by assignment.	Map includes some of the additional map features required by assignment.	Map includes none of additional map features required by assignment.	