

Unit - 8

Map Reading



Learning Objectives

- ▶ Compare maps and globes
- ▶ Identify the components of maps
- ▶ Know the methods of representation of scale
- ▶ Describe how signs and symbols are used on maps
- ▶ Understand different types of maps



Introduction

Maps and globe are important tools for Geographers. Maps help geographers compare places and relate people's activities to the locations where they live. Cartographers use various methods to make maps as precise as possible. They design maps in a way that they can be read and understood by people throughout the world.

What is a map?

A map is a visual representation of an entire or a part of an area, typically represented on a flat surface. The work of a map is to illustrate specific and detailed features of a particular area, most frequently used to illustrate geography.

Map Reading

Map reading is an act of interpreting or understanding the geographic information portrayed on a map. By map reading, the reader could be able to develop a mental map of the real-world information by processing the symbolized information shown on maps.

Difference Between a Map and a Globe.

Map is different from the globe. Map gives a two dimensional Representation of certain regions or the entire world while a globe gives a three dimensional Representation of the entire world and it is a miniature form of the earth (model of the earth).



Globe