

Week 8

Maps and  
Map Symbols

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# Using Maps

Maps help people find places. They show where places are located and how to get there. Maps help us find the direction we need to travel. They tell us how far it is from one place to another. The different parts of a map help us in different ways.



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# Maps and Map Symbols

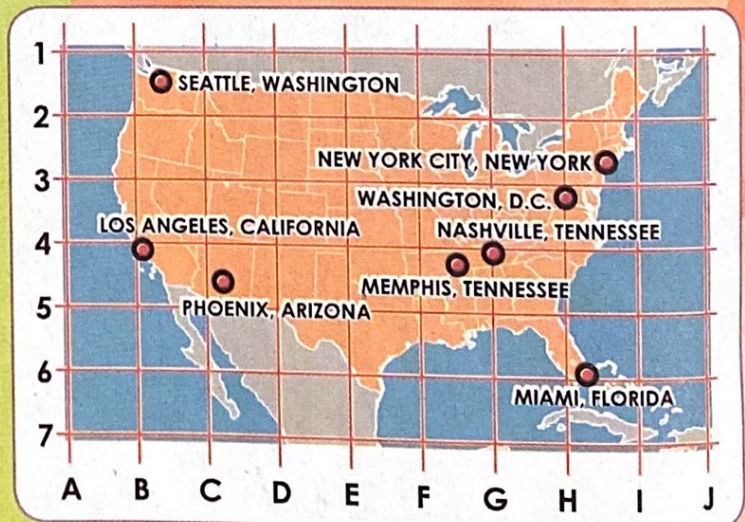
## Map Key



A map key explains the symbols on a map. Legend is another name for a map key. These are map symbols. A picnic table shows where you can have a picnic. A tent shows a campground. Capital cities are marked with a star in a circle. The numbers are signs for roads and highways.

## Coordinate Grids

Coordinates are numbers or letters (or both) along the margins of a map. Coordinates help you find places on a map. Here is how you use coordinates on a grid map to find the place located at B4. Put your finger on the letter B and slide it up until it meets the number 4. What did you find? →



## Relative Locations

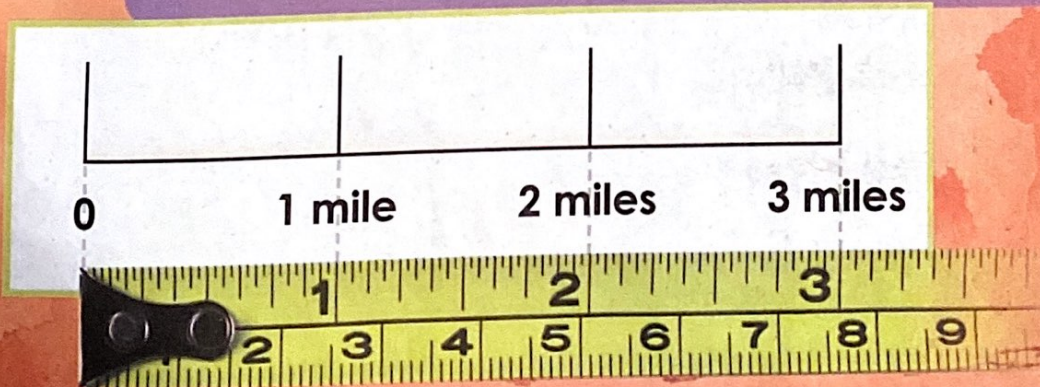
One way to describe where a place is located is by saying it is close to a place you already know. You might say that the library is behind the park. When you describe the location of a place this way, you are giving the relative location.



Library is behind the park

## Distance and Map Scales

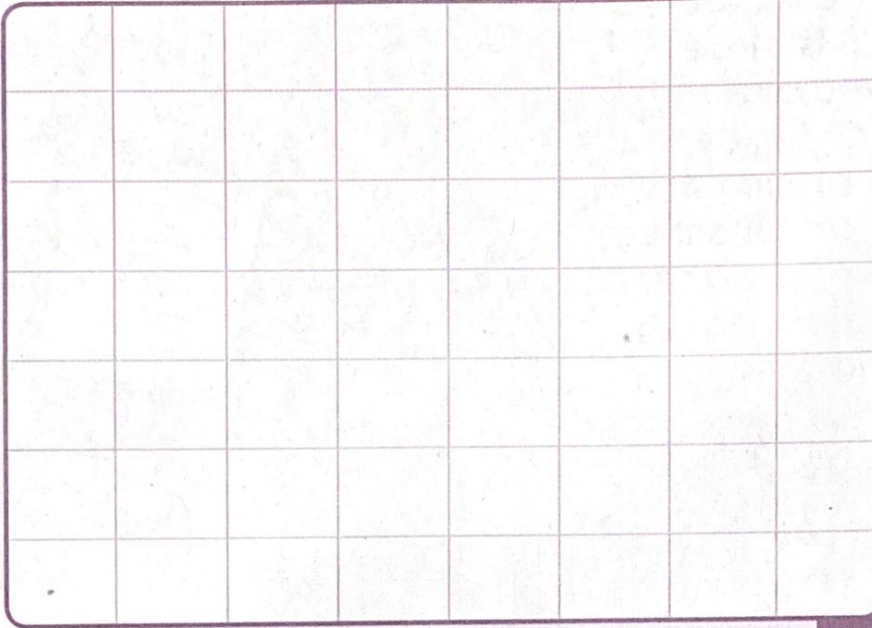
Distance is how far it is from one place to another. You can tell the distance on a map by looking at the scale. A scale might use inches to stand for miles. Look at the picture. On this scale, 1 inch equals 1 mile.



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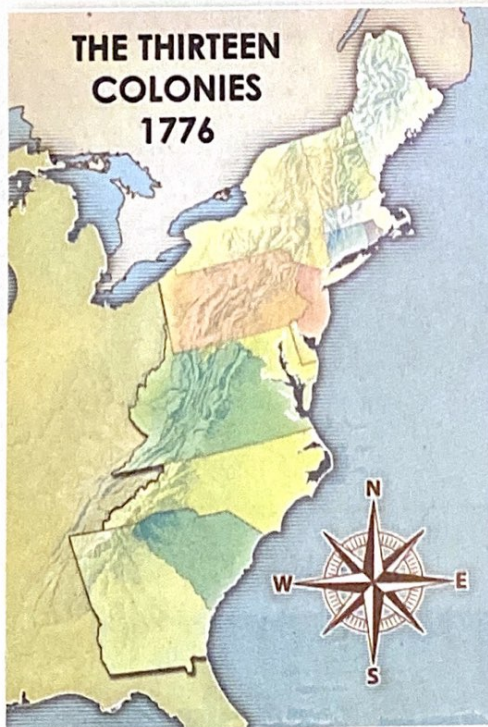
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Look at the blank grid map. Draw a map of your community, your school or your classroom on this blank map. Find a place like your school or a park in your community using the coordinates.



Many maps have titles that explain what the map shows. Some have dates that tell when the place was like this. Look at the map. Circle the date, title and compass rose.

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