

Regional Map Exercises

Find blank maps of the region that is being studied. You will complete the following two maps of the region: Political and Physical. [SUGGESTION: For the political map, try to find a blank political map that has the country borders drawn; otherwise, you will have to draw the borders yourself. For the physical map, either you can find a blank physical map that shows rivers and/or mountain chains, but is not labeled. If it does not include mountain chains or rivers, you will have to draw them.]

- Political Map
 - Colored as a political map
 - Include all of the countries and capitals within the region. If the region being studied does not have at least 20 countries in it, you must label the neighboring countries (and their capitals).
- Physical Map
 - Colored as a physical map (i.e. it looks like a satellite map)
 - Include the major landforms and features (i.e. rivers, oceans, seas, lakes, major bays, archipelagos, mountain chains, plains, plateaus, highlands, wetlands, rainforests, forests, grasslands, etc.)

Map Rubric

Content			
(4) All items have been included. All labels have been accurately and carefully placed.	(3) All items have been included. Most labels have been accurately and carefully placed.	(2) Most items have been included. Several labels have not been accurately and carefully placed.	(1) Several items have not been included. Many labels have not been accurately and carefully placed.
Visual Appeal			
(4) Highly colorful and clean; Labels are easy to read	(3) Some color and/or fairly neat; A few labels are not easy to read	(2) Limited use of color and/or not very neat; Labels are somewhat difficult to read	(1) Incomplete or no use of color; Labels are very difficult to read
Geography Tools			
(4) A well-placed, visible title; fonts features (i.e. bold, underline, italics) that show differences in items; tools that make the map very easier to read (i.e. latitude and longitude lines, key, scale, arrows, compass rose, symbols, etc.)	(3) A title; tools that make the map fairly easier to read (i.e. latitude and longitude lines, key, scale, arrows, compass rose, symbols, etc.)	(2) A hard to find title; few tools that make the map easier to read (i.e. latitude and longitude lines, key, scale, arrows, compass rose, symbols, etc.)	(1) No title; no tools that make the map easier to read (i.e. latitude and longitude lines, key, scale, arrows, compass rose, symbols, etc.)

Regional Map Quizzes

After complete the maps above, you will need to take a quiz on the content for each map. The following items constitute a mistake: gross misspellings, incorrect labeling, or highly inaccurate locating. You will be given a blank political map of the region, and you will have to label it.

Political Map Quiz: Label Countries and Capitals. In order to earn a B or higher, all labeled countries must have the capital city included, and only correctly labeled countries and capitals will count.

- [A+] 26+ items correctly labeled (only paired countries with capitals count)
- [A] 25 items correctly labeled (only paired countries with capitals count)
- [A-] 24 items correctly labeled (only paired countries with capitals count)
- [B+] 22 items correctly labeled (only paired countries with capitals count)
- [B] 20 items correctly labeled (only paired countries with capitals count)
- [B-] 20 items correctly labeled (countries with capitals do not have to be paired) [BASIC REQUIREMENT]
- [C] 19 items correctly labeled/1 mistakes
- [C-] 18 items correctly labeled/2 mistakes
- [D] 15-17 items correctly labeled
- [F] less than 15 items correctly labeled

Physical Map Quiz: Major Landforms and Mountains. In order to earn a B or higher, you must draw in the locations of major rivers, lakes, and mountain chains.

- [A+] 26+ items correctly labeled
- [A] 25 items correctly labeled
- [A-] 24 items correctly labeled
- [B+] 22 items correctly labeled
- [B] 20 items correctly labeled
- [B-] 20 items correctly [BASIC REQUIREMENT]
- [C] 19 items correctly labeled/1 mistakes
- [C-] 18 items correctly labeled/2 mistakes
- [D] 15-17 items correctly labeled
- [F] less than 15 items correctly labeled