 Map Guidelines

These rules should be followed each time a map is assigned in class UNLESS otherwise instructed by your teacher.

1. Write your name, the day’s date, and class period in the **TOP RIGHT HAND CORNER**. (Minus 5 points if not followed, and grade for assignment will not be recorded until the work has been claimed)
2. Write a **TITLE** on the top of the map. (Minus 5 points if not followed)
3. Shade or color the map completely using map/colored pencils. No crayons, no markers, no highlighters.
4. When working on a **POLITICAL MAP**, do not use the same color for adjoining countries (countries that are right next to each other). Blue cannot ever be used for a country.
5. All maps must have a **LEGEND**. (Minus 5 points if not followed)

Examples of items to be included in a legend are:

* Capital cities - Rivers
* Cities - Mountains

1. Draw a **COMPASS ROSE**. (Minus 5 points if not followed)
2. Major **LANDFORMS** must be drawn, positioned, and labeled as accurately as possible. (Minus 5 points if not followed)

Examples include:

* Plains: Yellow - Mountains: Gray
* Deserts: Brown - Basins: Orange

1. Blue must be reserved for oceans, lakes, and rivers. These **BODIES OF WATER** must also be labeled. (Minus 5 points if not followed)
2. When labeling, please use **ONLY** *black* or *blue ink*. Be as neat as possible. When labeling landforms and rivers, you may follow the direction of the landform if horizontal labeling is not possible. (Minus 5 points if not followed)
3. Label cities in their accurate position as much as possible.
4. Spelling and **CAPITALIZATION** of country names count!! Example: Mexico, not mexico. (Minus one point for each misspelled/non-capitalized word)
5. Quality and neatness matter! No scribbling, messy coloring, or labeling.