

Geography @ HSPVA

Map Elements – TODALSIGs Acronym

Letter	Word	Questions to Ask
T	Title	Is there a label describing what the map shows?
O	Orientation	Which way is north? Does the map have an orientation symbol such as a compass rose?
D	Date	Is there a date? Is the map still accurate?
A	Author	Is there an author listed? Why was it made?
L	Legend	Is there a legend (key) to aid in reading the map? What symbols are included?
S	Scale	Is there a scale to read distances? What distance does a unit of measure represent on the map?
I	Index	Is there an alphabetical list of places shown on the map and a grid to help locate them?
G	Grid	Does the map have a set of intersecting lines that aid in identifying locations? What are they?
s	Source	Where did the information contained in the map come from?