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TYPES OF MAPS

Define these words as you learn them in class.
Write each definition as a complete sentence.

Words	Definitions
climate	Usual temperature and precipitation of an area
climate map	shows climate for the different areas on a map
human characteristic	feature created by humans
natural characteristic	feature that occurs naturally
physical map	shows physical features like rivers, lakes, gulfs, mountains
political map	shows political or government features (names of countries, cities)
population density	a measurement of population per unit area or volume
population map	shows areas of high, medium and low population (where people live)
product map	related to a resource map; shows how natural resources are used
resource map	Shows natural resources in an area



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What geographic information can each type of map provide?

Map	Information
Physical	A physical map shows physical features like rivers, lakes, gulfs, mountains, deserts. Some physical maps only show natural characteristics and some show human characteristics too.
Political	A political map shows political, or government, features such as the names and boundaries of countries, states, and cities. They can also include capital cities, highways, roads, railroads, military bases, and parks.
Population	A population map shows where people live and most show population density.
Climate	A climate map shows climate for the different areas on a map.
Resource	A resource map shows natural resources available in an area.

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