Map Elements
Elements on a Map

- Maps are easier to use than globes because they are portable and can contain more detailed information in a smaller space.
- **Cartographer:** Map maker
- Compass Rose
  - Cardinal directions (N, S, E, W)
  - Intermediate (NW, NE, SE, SW)
- Key or Legend
- Bar Scale
- Title
- Inset Map
Compass Rose

Used to show directions on a map. Shows **cardinal directions** which way north, south, east, and west are. May include, **intermediate directions**, NW, SW, NE, SE.
Intermediate Directions

- NE, SE, NW, SW
Legend or Key

- Shows what the symbols on the map stand for.
Bar Scale

- A tool that is used to find the real distance between two places. (Ex. How many miles from one city to the next.)
Title

Used to show what the map is map of.
Inset Map

- Used to show the bigger picture of what and where the map is showing.
Elements Review

For Each map, write down what elements are found on the map. Some maps may have all five elements, some may only have one or two.

Number your paper 1-10.

Good Luck.