

Digital Map Competition

There is a large amount of maps produced every day worldwide. Some maps communicate their information better than others. Although map quality depends on an individual, there are some generic rules that should be applied to what we can call a good map.

Helper's Guide

How to Prepare

Make sure each explorer participates in the competition (map creation, presentation and scoring). Adjust the pace of activity according to the skills of explorers. Motivate trying different map customization options. Based on the known background and time available, emphasize group-wide expectations. Help setting up the initial project and print out the maps. Award the winners.

Need to Emphasize

- Map creation is an art that is based on scientific data.
- It is relatively easy to see a good map.
- Trying different options can improve your creativity.

Related Links

- <http://www.fws.gov/data/2mdata.html>
 - <http://www.esri.com/index.html>
 - http://www.colorado.edu/geography/gcraft/notes/mapproj/mapproj_f.html
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