

## The Seven Parts of a Map

Use this information as you create your Private Island. Your map must contain all of these parts, accurately and neatly.

**1. Scale:** Scale is used to show that a certain distance on the map represents the actual distance on the earth's surface. On a map scale is represented using words (for example, one inch = 100 miles) or using a graphic (a line graph).  
\_\_\_\_\_ = 100 miles

**2. Title:** Tells us what the map is about. The title is generally the biggest, darkest, most noticeable lettering on any map.

**3. Legend or Key:** Used for defining and understanding the symbols found on the map. It is usually in one of the corners of the map and is often enclosed by a box. It explains the meaning of the different sizes, shapes, and colors used in the map.

**4. Symbols:** The things on the map which stand for or represent real things on the earth's surface. Symbols vary according to 2 categories: color and shape. For example a star ★ is often used to represent the capital city and light green might represent farmland.

**5. Compass:** The compass shows which way is up on the map. Nearly all maps are printed so that north is towards the top of the map. Direction is often indicated using a compass rose.

**6. Location:** Tells us where the place or places shown on the map are exactly located on the earth. Lines of latitude and longitude are used on the map to show the location.

So what? The parts of a map help me by...

In the space below you will create a map of your own private island. Make sure all parts of the map are shown (scale, title, legend...etc.)

