

Notes 1.1 - TODALSIG

Well-made maps have some useful things in common. We call these things **TODALSIG**:

T - Title - Tells us what the focus of the map is so that anyone looking at it will understand. Should explain what, where and when. Example: "Water Use in Africa".

O - Orientation - (Compass Rose) Every good map shows an orientation so that someone can tell direction and link it to longitude and latitude.

D - Date - Tells you when the map was made. You wouldn't want to use an old map to represent the world, because it is "out of date".

A - Author - Tells the person who made the map.

L - Legend - (Key) This tells you what the symbols and features on the map mean.

S - Scale - This tells you the distance a unit of measure represents in the area shown on the map. Example: 1 inch = 100 miles.

I - Index - Create an index with numbers or letters to help keep your map uncrowded.

G - Grid System - Shows Latitude and Longitude or an alpha/numeric grid to show location.