

## HOW TO MAKE AN AWARD WINNING MAP

Take your time. Reread these directions before making every map.

1. Maps are graded on neatness and accuracy.
2. Black ink or marker is best, although other colors of ink are acceptable. Lead pencil is not accepted for credit. Although pencil works well for labeling, etc., be sure to finish the map in marker or pen in order to receive credit.
3. ALL labeling and lettering is done in "BLOCK LETTERS". Block letters are all capital letters. This rule has 5 pt. penalty.
4. Use a ruler. Whenever possible, lettering should be horizontal. Rivers or mountain ranges can be vertical.
5. Copy names exactly from directions. One point penalty for misspelling.
6. All maps must have a title. If the map does not come with a title, make one. Two point penalty for no title.
7. If the map needs a key , place it on the FRONT of the map in an empty corner. The key must be boxed in on all four sides. Five pt. penalty for missing key ; one point penalty if not boxed in.
8. Standard abbreviations are acceptable.
9. Differentiate countries, states, or provinces by using contrasting colors. Colors do not matter UNLESS directions specify.
10. Use colored pencils for the map.
11. Use proper MLA heading as in all papers.