

# Atlas Notes



1. Atlas – a collection of maps, pictures, graphs, and charts
2. Geography – the study of people, places, and the environment.
3. Cartographer – a geographer who makes maps.
4. Physical maps – show landforms, bodies of water, and land elevation (how high or low).
5. Political maps – show boundaries such as countries, cities, states, provinces, etc.
6. Legend / Key – explains the symbols used on a map.
7. Compass rose – the symbol of arrows used to show direction on the map (north, south, east, west)



8. Index – a list in alphabetical order of most of the places that appear on a map.
9. Thematic maps – focuses on a specific topic such as population, climate, or language.
10. Graphs, charts, and photographs are also included in the atlas to help illustrate information from the maps.