

Unit -2

Map Reading



Learning Objectives

- ❖ To know about the maps and scale
- ❖ To identify the various types of maps
- ❖ To understand the elements of maps
- ❖ To learn the legend and signs and symbols



Introduction

Reading of maps will give clear understanding of geographical location, physiographic features like mountains, plateaus and plains, water features – river, lake, ocean etc., and cultural features, such as roads, settlement etc., The maps are meant to be the preserving records of the past which will helps us to understand the past and perceive the future. Maps portraits political boundaries of different countries and states. It helps the students to visually understand the size and shape of various countries, continents etc., Maps clearly refer to the properties that people own and the geographical boundaries.

Maps

A map is an essential tool of a geographer. Map is a representation of the earth as a whole or a part of the earth drawn on a flat surface according to a given scale. It can show continents, countries, cities and even a local area are drawn with specific details. It is easy to handle and carry as it can be rolled up (or) folded and stored in computers.



In the early times, various materials such as animal skin, cloth, parchment, papyrus, wet earth and clay tablets were used to make maps.