

Map Analysis Process (Multiple Choice)

- ✓ **Activate prior knowledge about the map. What do I already know about maps?**
- ✓ **Determine whether the map is a political map, physical map, historical map, special purpose map, or a combination of these maps. What kind of map is it?**
- ✓ **Read the title of the map? What is the subject or topic of the map?**
- ✓ **Look at the legend for additional information about the map. What does the legend tell me about the map?**
- ✓ **Read the question carefully to determine what geographic pattern or distribution you need to find on the map. What is the question asking? What am I looking for on the map?**
- ✓ **Find the geographic pattern or distribution on the map. What does the map tell me about the pattern or distribution?**
- ✓ **Predict an answer based on the pattern or distribution you found.**
- ✓ **Read all answer choices carefully. Select the choice that you think is correct.**
- ✓ **Does the choice you selected answer the question? If not, then consider another choice.**
- ✓ **Choose the most correct answer.**



Map Analysis Process

- ✓ **Read the title of the map? What is the subject or topic of the map?**
- ✓ **What kind of map is it? Determine whether the map is a political map, physical map, historical map, thematic map, or a combination of these maps.**
- ✓ **Activate prior knowledge about the map. Are there features and/or locations that I recognize?**
- ✓ **Look at the compass rose to determine direction.**
- ✓ **If present, determine location by using lines of latitude/longitude.**
- ✓ **Look at the legend for additional information about the map. What does the legend tell me about the map?**
- ✓ **Find the geographic pattern or distribution on the map. What does the map tell me about the pattern or distribution?**
- ✓ **Write a statement summarizing what you think the map is demonstrating.**

