Map Skills Vocab

Equator: an imaginary line that is between the North Pole and the South Pole and represents 0 degrees latitude

Latitude (same as parallels): imaginary lines that run east and west

Longitude (same as meridians): imaginary lines that run north and south

Prime Meridian: an imaginary line that runs north and south and represents 0 degrees longitude

Compass rose: has arrows that point in all four principal directions (north,

south, east, and west)

Scale: represents distances between points on a map

Legend (same as Map Key): explains what the symbols on the map represent

Symbol: something that stands for something else on a map

Hemisphere: Half of the earth

