

Standard-5 Social Studies Assignment

Chapter 8 - Maps : Our Guides

(Do in your Social Studies notebook. Begin on a new page and write the date too.)

I. Answer the following questions:

1. How is a map useful?

Ans. A map gives us more specific and detailed information of a place. It is very handy to carry and helps in learning about the Earth.

2. Describe the three types of maps.

Ans. The three types of maps are:

i) **Physical maps** which show physical features like mountains, plains, rivers etc

ii) **Political maps** which show different countries of the world and states with their boundaries.

iii) **Thematic maps** which focus on specific information such as rainfall, vegetation etc.

3. Name the four sub-directions.

Ans. The four sub- directions are North-East, North-West, South- East and South-West.

4. What is a scale?

Ans. Scale is the ratio between the distance on the map and the distance on the ground.

5. How is the language of maps useful in reading a map?

Ans. Every map has colours, directions, signs, symbols and scale. This is called the language of a map. It helps in understanding the information on the map correctly and accurately.