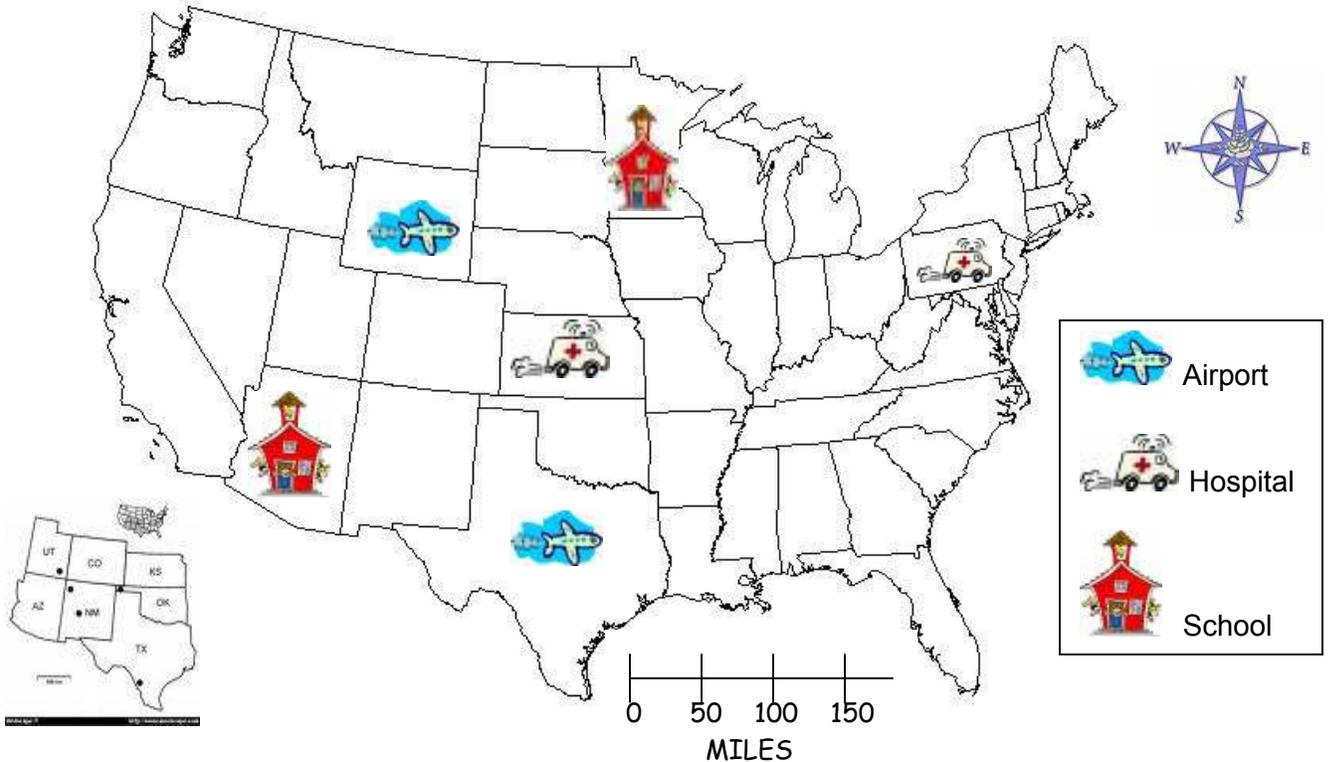


## How To Read A Map

**Directions:** First, use clues from the song "How to Read a Map" to identify and solve 5 important map features. Then in the map below, circle and label each of those parts.

# United States Map



Flower shape - easy to see,  
Letters N, W, S and E.

Why does this help and tell me now what does it mean?

It's a \_\_\_\_\_

It shows North, South, East and West.

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## How To Read A Map Cont'

How far is it from here to there?

Can we measure distance to anywhere?

The map size is smaller than the real world.

Look for the \_\_\_\_\_

It is like a little ruler that helps you measure distances between places.

Dots, triangles, colors and many lines;

What do all these things define?

I see a tiny airplane and what is this star?

These are \_\_\_\_\_

How did you know what the symbols are

When you're driving around, like in a car?

Can you find it on the map and where will it be?

Use the \_\_\_\_\_

It tells you what the symbols mean.

This map doesn't show the entire place.

I know that it's part of a bigger space.

Could it be from England, Iraq or Mexico?

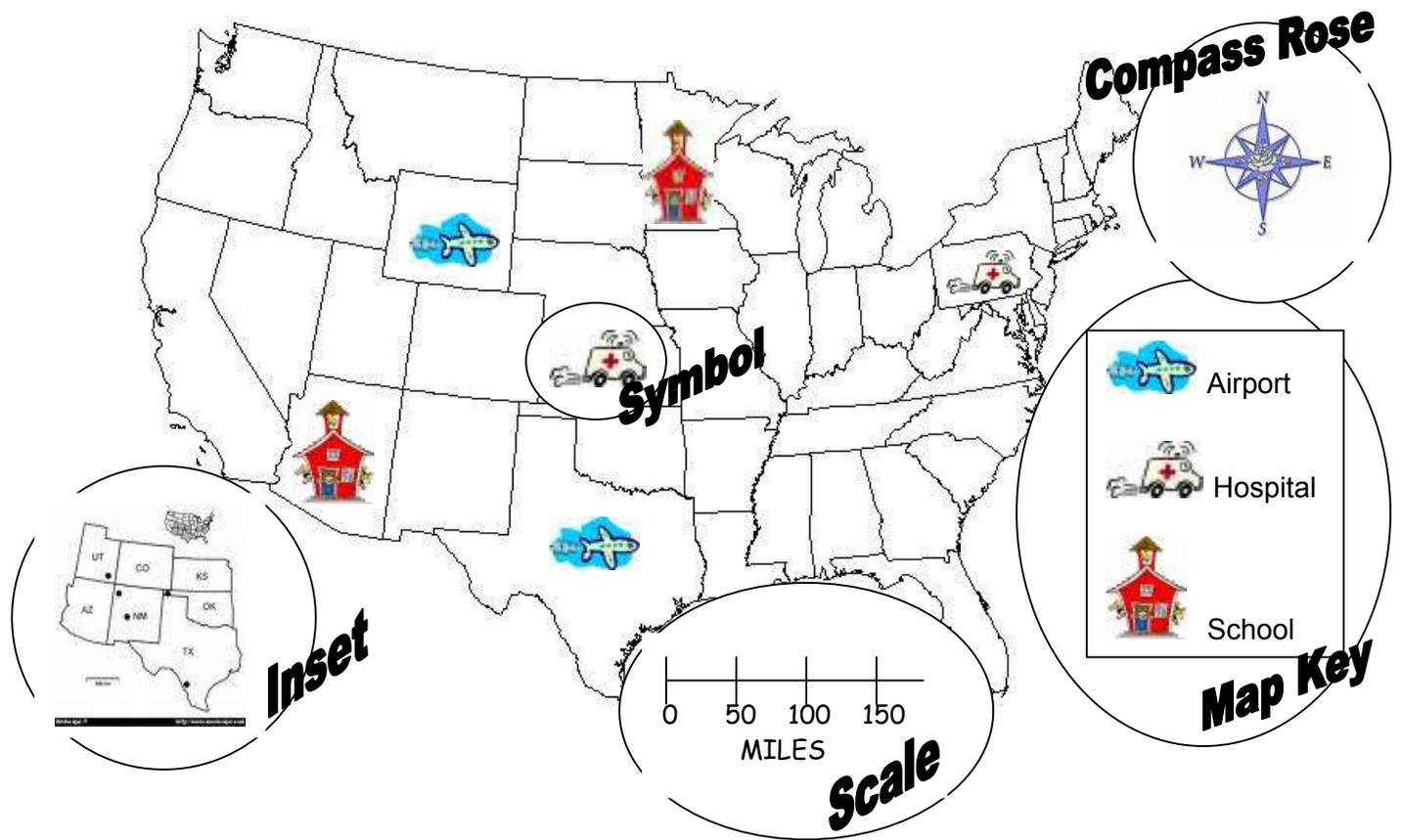
Look for the \_\_\_\_\_

It is a small map that's a more detailed view of part of the main map.

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"How To Read A Map" Answer Key

# United States Map



Flower shape - easy to see,  
Letters N, W, S and E.

Why does this help and tell me now what does it mean?

It's a COMPASS ROSS

It shows North, South, East and West.

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## "How To Read A Map" Answer Key Cont'

How far is it from here to there?

Can we measure distance to anywhere?

The map size is smaller than the real world.

Look for the **SCALE**

It is like a little ruler that helps you measure distances between places.

Dots, triangles, colors and many lines;

What do all these things define?

I see a tiny airplane and what is this star?

These are **SYMBOLS**

How did you know what the symbols are

When you're driving around like in a car?

Can you find it on the map and where will it be?

Use the **MAP KEY**

It tells you what the symbols mean.

This map doesn't show the entire place.

I know that it's part of a bigger space.

Could it be from England, Iraq or Mexico?

Look for the **INSET**

It is a small map that's a more detailed view of part of the main map.

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