



Map Skills Handbook

Using Maps

Vocabulary

map
legend
scale
distance

A **map** is a drawing of a place that shows where things are.

The **legend** is a list of what the symbols on a map mean.

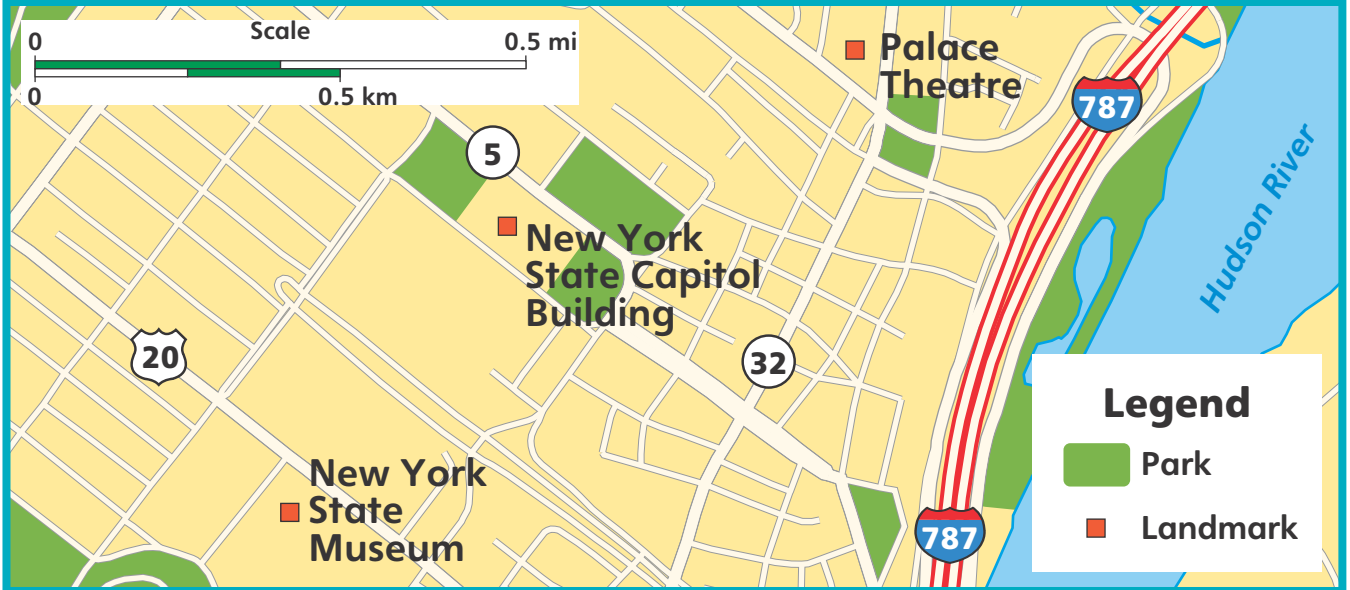
You can see some cities on the map here.



The legend tells you that Albany is the capital of New York.

- ✓ Reading Check**
Turn and talk to a partner about the symbols on the map.

Downtown Albany



Map Scale

A map includes a scale, too.

A **scale** helps you measure distance on a map.

Distance is how far one place is from another.

2. ☒ **Reading Check** Find the scale on the map and circle it.



Writing Workshop

Keys to Good Writing

Good writers follow steps when they write.

Here are five steps that will help you become a good writer.



Prewrite	Plan your writing.
Draft	Write your first draft.
Revise	Make your writing better.
Edit	Check your writing.
Share	Share your writing with others.



Kinds of Writing

There are three main kinds of writing.

Opinion

Write about how you think
or feel about something.
Tell why you feel this way.

Informative

Write about a real thing.
Give facts and details.

Narrative

Write about an event.
Tell what happened first, next,
then, and finally.



1. **✓ Reading Check** Turn and talk to a partner about the kind of writing that is about how you think or feel.



How Do You Find Information?

You can go to your Library Media Center.

Select a topic to learn.

You can use a computer or books to find information.

Ask a librarian for help.

Search the topic on the Internet.

2. ☒ **Reading Check** Turn and talk to a partner. Name a topic. How can you find information on the topic?

Be Safe on the Internet

Ask for help if you are unsure.

Never share:

- your full name
- your phone number
- your address
- your birthday



Using Primary and Secondary Sources

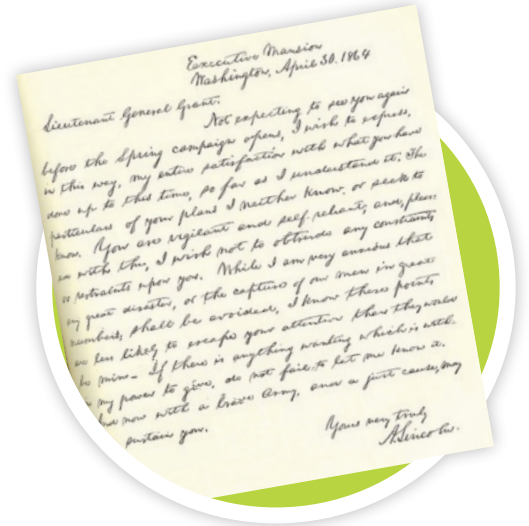
Primary and Secondary Sources

We learn about history in different ways.

We can see pictures and objects from the past.

We can talk to our family and friends about the past.

We can learn from primary and secondary sources.



1. **✓ Reading Check** Talk with a partner about the pictures on this page.

Vocabulary

primary

source

secondary

source



Primary Sources

Primary sources help us learn about the past.

A **primary source** was written or made by someone who was at an event.

A photo and a letter are primary sources.

A photo can show us what things looked like in the past.

We can read a letter to learn about the past.

2. **✓ Reading Check** Turn and talk with a partner about this picture from the past. Ask and answer questions about it.

Secondary Sources

Secondary sources help us learn about the past, too.

A **secondary source** was written or made after an event happened.

A book about George Washington is a secondary source.

The writer did not know him.

The writer did not live when George Washington did.

3. ☒ **Reading Check** Circle the picture of the secondary source.

