# **Tools of Geography**

#### Globe

- Globe-Best picture of the Earth's features.
- Why? It is the same shape (round)

# Maps

- Maps- Change the Earth's features in some way.
- Why do we use more than globes then?
  - Smaller
  - Easier to use
  - More detailed etc.

### Features of a Map:

- 1) **Title** tells what type of Map it is.
- 2) Compass- gives Cardinal directions
- 3) Key- tells what symbols represent
- 4) Scale- map representation of the actual size (ex. 1 in= 5 miles) How many miles long is an island if you measure it to be 5 inches? 25 miles

# **Types of Maps:**

1) **Political-** national borders

- 2) Population- shows number of people in an area
- 3) Physical- show topography
  - Topography- is the height, shape, and arrangement of landforms in a certain area.
  - Show landforms and water sources.

# Define the following using text page RA 36 -37

Mountain- Land with steep sides that rises sharply from surrounding land; generally larger and more rugged than a hill.

Hill- Elevated land with sloping sides and rounded summit; generally smaller than a mountain.

Plateau- Area of flat or rolling land at a high elevation, about 300-3,000 ft.

Plain- Area of level land, usually at low elevation and often covered in grasses