The Arctic Circle and

Scale

the North Magnetic Pole

The Polar Circle is a fixed, abstract

phenomenon, while the North

but mobile phenomenon with a precise location on a particular date. By the time the next edition of this map is printed, the North Magnetic Pole will have long since shifted to a new location.

Maps are made to scale. In each

case, the scale represents the ratio between a distance on the map and the actual distance on the ground. A small-scale map portrays a large area and a large-scale one portrays a small area of the Earth. Map scales help us to measure the distance and area of real world objects, as well as the distance

between these objects represented

Magnetic Pole is a concrete

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The Base Map

Contours and outlines are carefully stylized to capture the essentials. Easy to read and user-friendly.

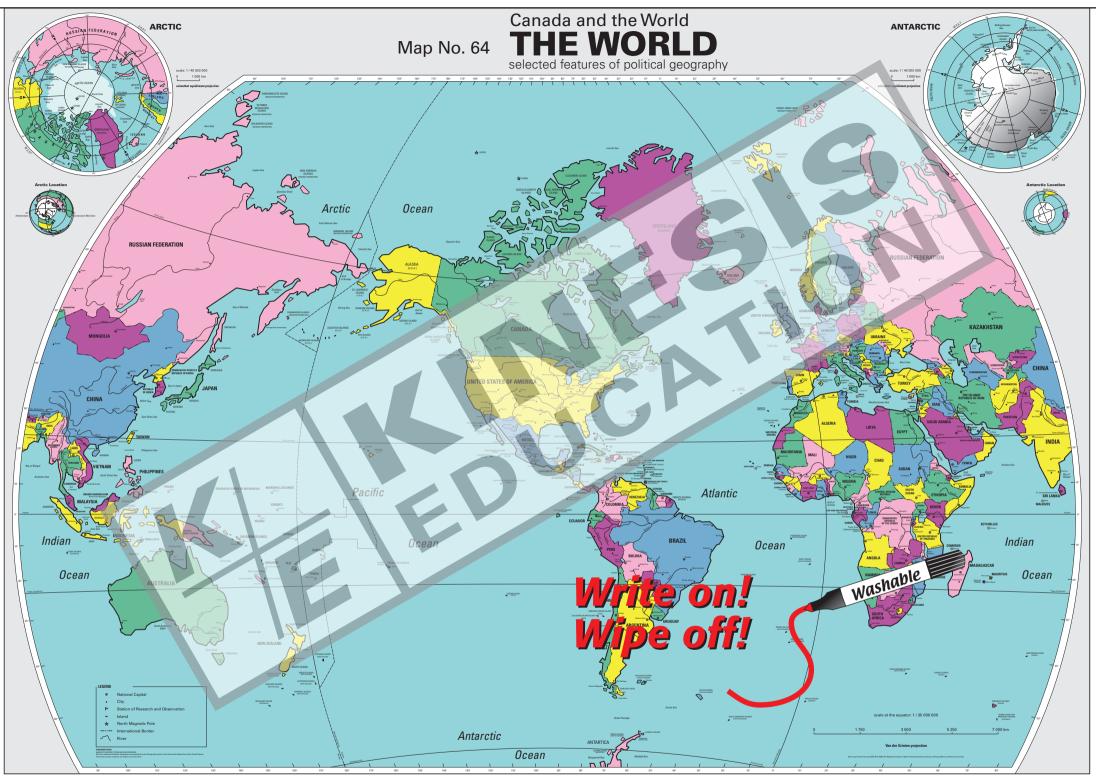


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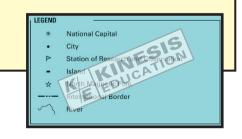
The International Date Line

An imaginary line that follows the 180° meridian of longitude, dividing the Earth in two at the Greenwich prime meridian. The date line is necessary to prevent the continuous accumulation or loss of days as people travel around the planet.



The Legend: Clear, Concise and Complete

The easy-to-read legend reveals the wealth of information contained in the map at a glance.



Created by Alphons J. van der Grinten in 1898, this projection is used for world maps. A curved modification of the Mercator projection, it presents the world as a circle. The scale is true along the Equator only and increases rapidly away from the Equator. Area distortion is extreme near the poles.

The Van der Grinten **Projection**

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