What is a map?
“A map is a *representation* of a place”
All maps are inaccurate

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Latitude and longitude
Scale and generalization
There are a few standard ways for projecting the round world onto a flat surface...

- **Cylindrical Projection Surface**
- **Conical Projection Surface**
- **Planar Projection Surface**
... but no projection is perfect. Thus, projections make geographers SADD.
Shape
Area
Distance
Direction
There are two general types of maps.
Reference maps
As leaders of nearly 50 African countries gather in Washington to explore the economic potential of the continent, we look at the current state of Africa and its people. Here's how African countries measure up in matters of government, health, quality of life, and money.
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2. The practice of cartography is as much about removing things as depicting them.