BOLTSS mapping conventions

When you create a map, make sure you include the following:

Border - The border shows the edges of the map, and looks like a simple box around the map. The lines of the border should be ruled and should stand out.
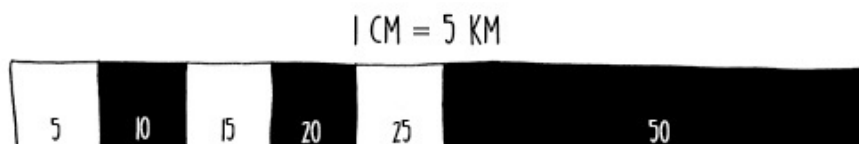
Orientation - The orientation shows the direction of the map. Most maps use a North arrow to show orientation.

Legend - A legend (also called a 'Key') is a list of symbols used in the map with a description for each symbol, telling the map reader what all the symbols mean.

Title - The title tells us what the map shows. For example 'South Australia' or 'My Neighbourhood'.

Scale - A scale helps to show the size of the map we are creating and the distances between points in the map. A scale can either be represented as a ratio (e.g. 1:5000) or as a statement (e.g. one centimetre represents five kilometres).

Alternatively, you can represent your scale as an image:

Source - You should always reference where your information comes from.