

Evolution or Devolution of Cartographic Education?

Transformations in Teaching Cartographic Concepts and Techniques

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Terminology

de-volve   [di-**volv**] [Pronunciation Key](#) - [Show IPA Pronunciation](#) *verb*, -**volved**, -**volv**-ing.

-verb (used with object)

1. to transfer or delegate (a duty, responsibility, etc.) to or upon another; pass on.
2. *Obsolete.* to cause to roll downward.

-verb (used without object)

3. to be transferred or passed on from one to another: *The responsibility devolved on me.*
4. *Archaic.* to roll or flow downward.

[Origin: 1375-1425; late ME *devolven* < L *dévolvere* to roll down, equiv. to *dé-* [DE-](#) + *volvere* to roll]

—Related forms

de-volve-ment, *noun*

Dictionary.com Unabridged (v 1.1)

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Using maps

Evolution of cartography education

- ☐ Does it reflect this current content?
 - ☐ What was the earlier content?
 - ☐ How can we examine the evolution?
 - ☐ My approach...
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Course Evolution

- Waldo Tobler – Professor Emeritus of Geography at University of California, Santa Barbara
 - BA – 1956, U British Columbia & U Washington, Seattle
 - MA – 1958, U Washington, Seattle, Cartography
 - PhD – 1961, U Washington, Seattle
 - Phillip Muehrcke – Professor Emeritus of Geography at University of Wisconsin, Madison
 - BA – 1964, Northern Michigan University, Geography
 - MA - 1966, University of Michigan, Geography
 - PhD - 1969, University of Michigan, Geography
 - Jon Kimerling – Professor of Geography at Oregon State University, Corvallis
 - BA – 1972, University of Washington, Geography
 - MA – 1973, University of Wisconsin, Geography & Cartography
 - PhD – 1976, University of Wisconsin, Geography & Cartography
 - Aileen Buckley – former Assistant Professor at University of Oregon in Eugene; adjunct Associate Professor at University of Redlands
 - BA – 1982, Valparaiso University, Geography
 - MA – 1992, Indiana University & Michigan State University, Geography & Cartography/GIS
 - PhD – 1997, Oregon State University, Geography & Geographic Techniques (GIS/Cart/RS)
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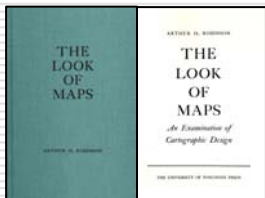


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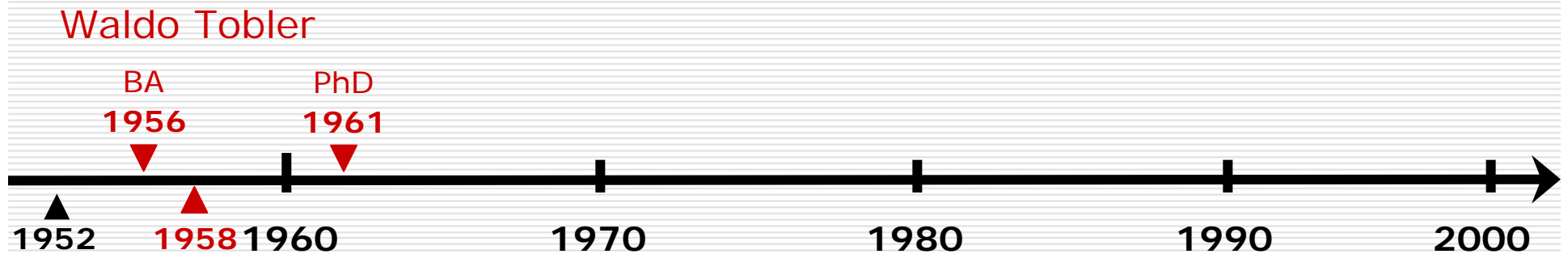


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The Look of Maps



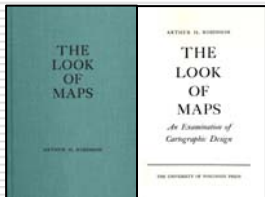
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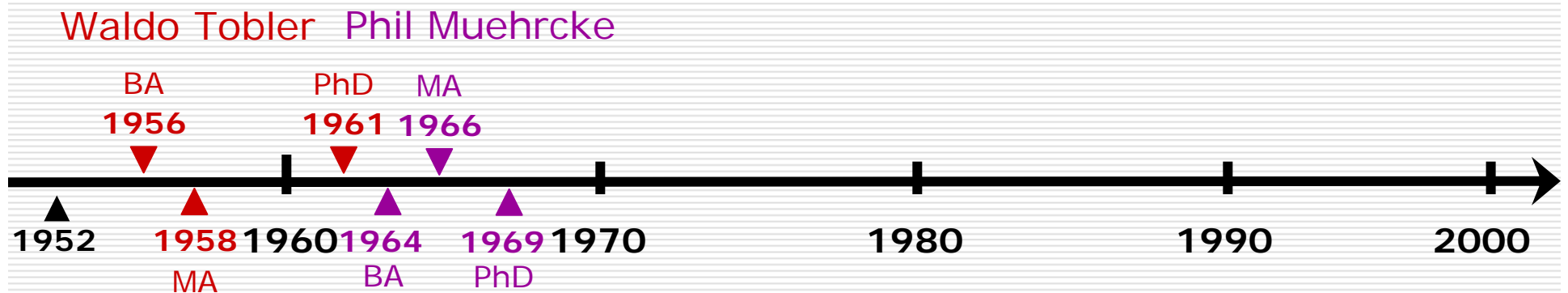
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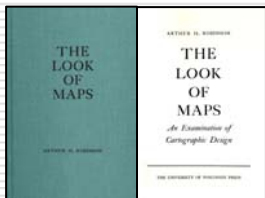


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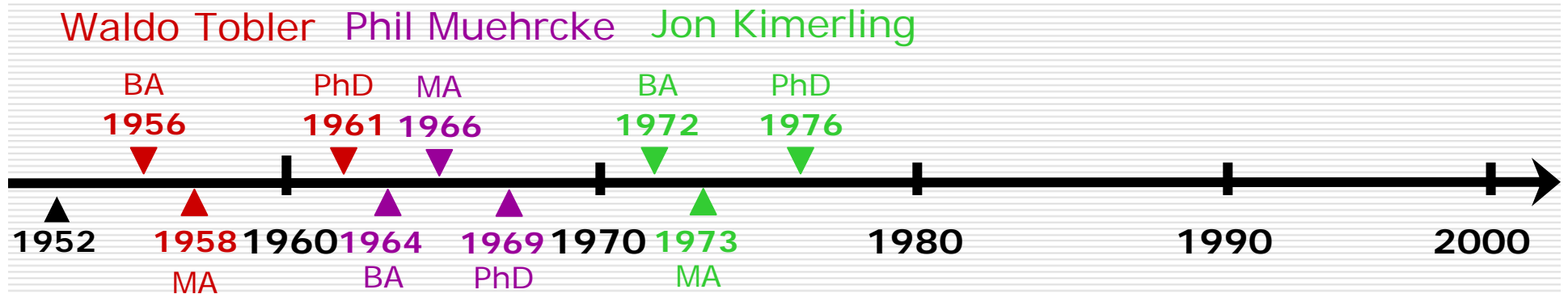


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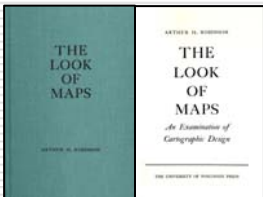


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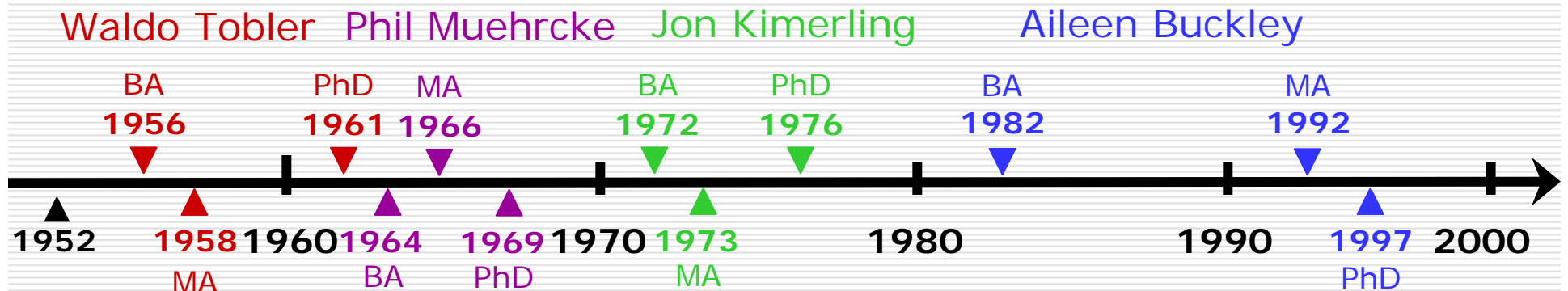


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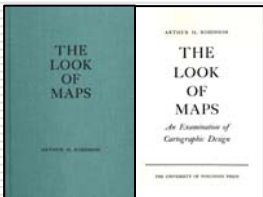


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Waldo's cartography classes

- 1956 ☐ Undergraduate degree (U WA)
 - One year of cartography (Ross MacKay – UBC)
 - Cartography class (John Sherman – U WA)
 - 1958 ☐ Master's degree (U WA)
 - 2-3 cartography classes (John Sherman)
 - Map Reproduction (Bill Heath)
 - Cartography (TA)
 - Department Cartographer
 - 1961 ☐ Doctoral degree (U WA)
 - Seminars
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Phil's cartography classes

- 1964 ☐ Undergraduate degree (NMU)
 - Basic Cartography (Pat Farrell)
 - 1966 ☐ Master's degree (U MI)
 - Introduction to Photo Processing and Dark Room Methods (Waldo Tobler)
 - Photo Interpretation (can't remember)
 - introduction to Map Projections (Waldo Tobler)
 - 1969 ☐ Doctoral degree (U MI/U Sydney)
 - Seminars
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Jon's cartography classes

- 1972 ☐ Undergraduate degree (U WA)
 - Map Interpretation
 - Cartography
 - Map Intelligence
 - Map Production
 - Computer Cartography (through Urban Studies)
 - Map Projections (through Civil Engineering)
 - 1973 ☐ Master's degree (U WI)
 - History of Cartography
 - Map Design
 - Seminars
 - 1976 ☐ Doctoral degree (U WI)
 - Seminars
 - Remote sensing classes
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Aileen's cartography classes

- 1982 ☐ Undergraduate degree (Valpo U)
 - Introduction to Cartography
 - 1992 ☐ Master's degree (IU/MSU)
 - Introduction to Cartography (TA)
 - Advanced Cartography
 - Map Production
 - Computer Cartography
 - Seminars
 - GIS classes
 - 1997 ☐ Doctoral degree (OSU)
 - Introduction to Cartography (TA)
 - Air Photo and Image Interpretation
 - Seminars
 - GIS/remote sensing classes
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Current cartography classes

- U WA

- Maps and GIS
- Principles of Cartography
- Map Sources and Errors
- Analytical Cartography

Current cartography classes

□ U WI

- Map Reading and Interpretation
 - Introduction to Cartography
 - Problems in Cartography
 - Graphic Design in Cartography
 - Cartographic Methods in Research
 - Introduction to Computer Cartography
 - Map Transformations and Coordinate Systems
 - Animated and Web-based Mapping
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Current cartography classes

□ OSU

- Map and Image Interpretation
 - Cartography
 - Computer-assisted Cartography
 - Multimedia Cartography
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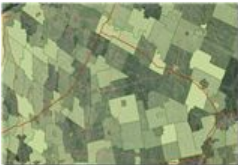
Mapping Center is about *the use of ArcGIS in the graphic delivery of geographic information*. Its goal is to help you make great looking maps by using the same cartographic concepts and techniques that professional cartographers use.

Mapping Center Web Site

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Current News Feeds

Set legend colors to match feature layer transparency



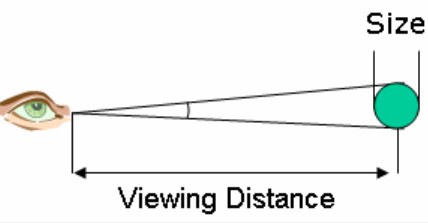
This question comes in fairly regularly at [Ask A Cartographer](#) future queries. This issue is a common one, and is th

Mapping Center Representations Survey



We would like your input on how you know a bit more about whether and Mapping Center. Given your input we the best level for the largest portion of our audience. The survey is only twelve...

Guidelines for minimum size for text and symbols on maps



In relation to size in particular, the ability of an object to be seen from a distance relates to what is called the visual angle - or "a size that subtends one minute of angle (1/60th of a degree) at the eye". This is the ang...

How to apply saved Representation Rules in other layers

A question was posed on [Ask a Cartographer](#) about using representation rules that you have saved in a style in another map on a different layer. The online help for this topic didn't provide much assis...



Mapping Center Blog

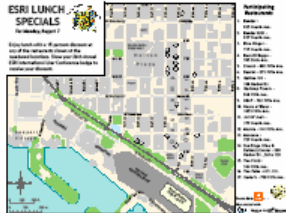
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Announcements

Check out the presentations we made at the [North American Cartographic Information Society \(NACIS\)](#) conference this year. They are now on the Mapping Center [Other Resources](#) page.

Featured Map



ESRI Lunch Specials

The ESRI Lunch Specials Map was created to help attendees at the 26th Annual ESRI International Users Conference find a place to eat lunch and get a special discount.

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Mapping-related resources available through other ESRI websites.

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ESRI Industries

- [GIS for Map, Chart, and Data Production](#)

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 - [Making Better Map Layouts with ArcGIS](#)
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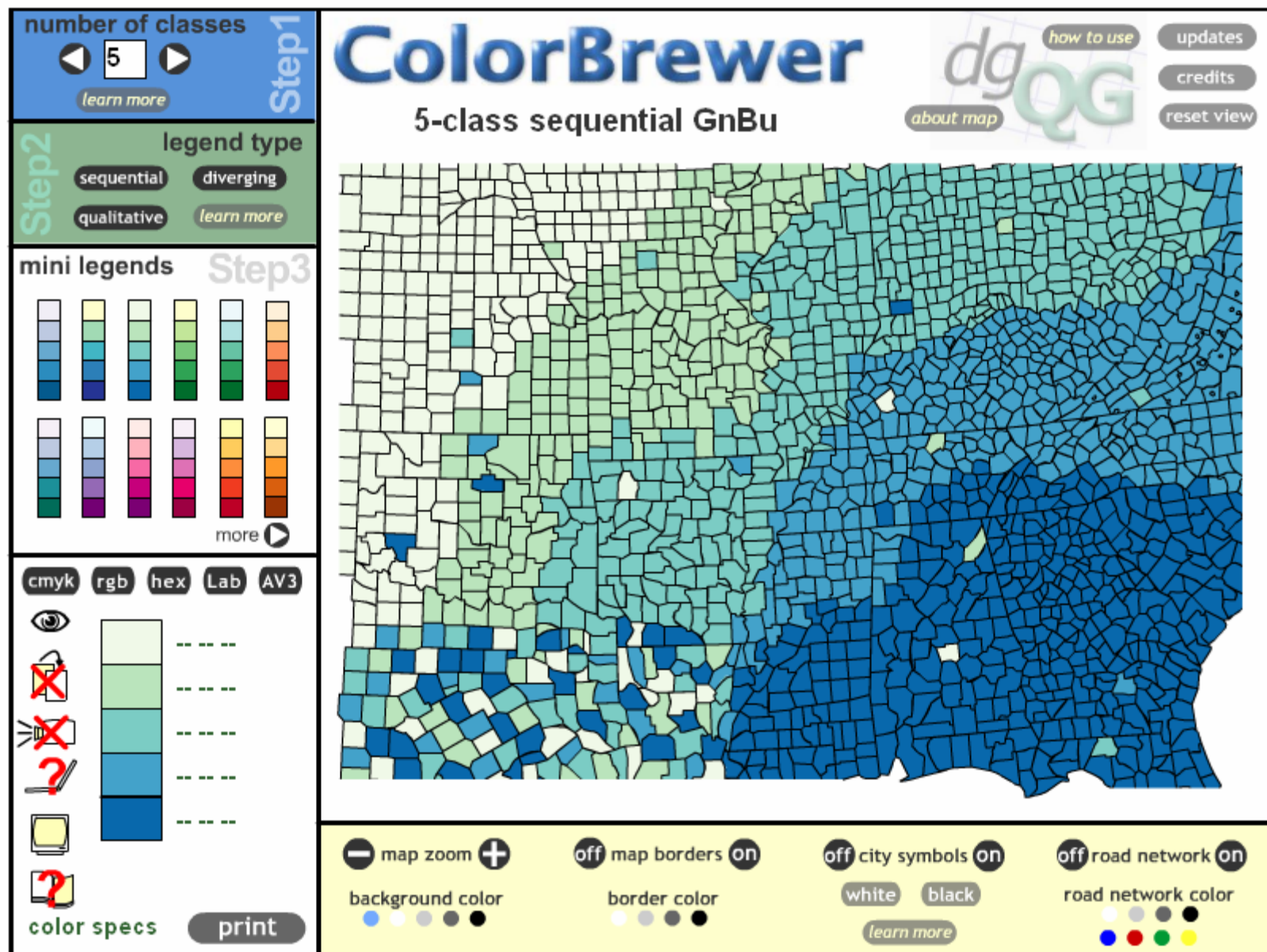


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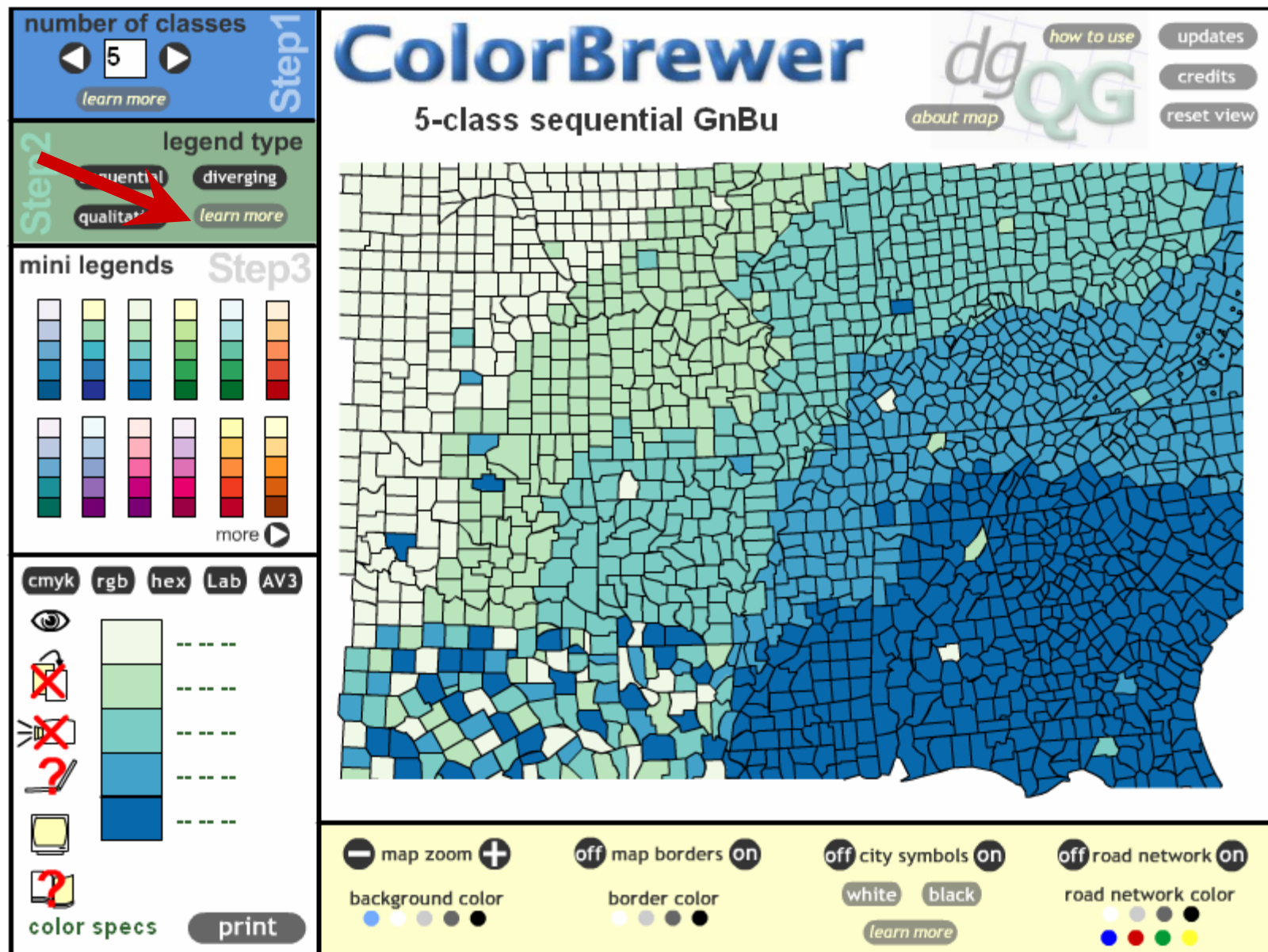
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Step 2

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Learn More: Legend Type

People per sq. mile by state

300.0 to 9316.0

79.6 to 299.9

7.0 to 79.5

1.1 to 6.9

Group with highest percent of state population

Hispanic

White

Black

Asian

1. Sequential schemes

are suited to ordered data that progress from low to high. Lightness steps dominate the look of these schemes, with light colors for low data values to dark colors for high data values.

2. Diverging schemes

put equal emphasis on mid-range critical values and extremes at both ends of the data range. The critical class or break in the middle of the legend is emphasized with light colors and low and high extremes are emphasized with dark colors that have contrasting hues.

3. Qualitative schemes

do not imply magnitude differences between legend classes, and hues are used to create the primary visual differences between classes. Qualitative schemes are best suited to representing nominal or categorical data.

These scheme types grow from the teaching of Dr. Judy Olson.

For more information:

Brewer, Cynthia A. 1994. Color use guidelines for mapping and visualization. Chapter 7 (pp. 123-147) in *Visualization in Modern Cartography*, edited by A.M. MacEachren and D.R.F. Taylor, Elsevier Science, Tarrytown, NY

(Figures are online).

Other cartography publications by Cynthia Brewer

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map zoom

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Joshua Tree National Park Desert Ecosystems

Ecological Zones

- Mid elevation Mojave (751-1200m)
- High elevation Mojave (1201-1500m)
- Basins of transverse range (1501-1900m)
- Low elevation Mojave basins (0-600m)
- Mojave lower slopes & fans (601-750m)
- Dry western mountains (751-1200m)
- High elevation western mountains (1201-1500m)
- Colorado desert lowlands (0-750m)

Designing *better* MAPS

A Guide for GIS Users



Cynthia A. Brewer



MapShaper

development blog

About MapShaper

MapShaper is a free online editor for Polygon and Polyline Shapefiles. It has a Flash interface that runs in an ordinary web browser. Mapshaper supports three line simplification algorithms: Douglas-Peucker, Visvalingam-Whyatt, and a custom algorithm designed to smooth convoluted coastlines and spiky features.

The MapShaper project was conceived in 2005 by [Matthew Bloch](#) and [Mark Harrower](#) at the University of Wisconsin, Madison Geography Department. A [paper](#) [pdf] from the 2006 AutoCarto conference describes how MapShaper works "under the hood."

MapShaper is currently under development. This blog is intended to document the development process and let people test the [latest version](#).

Enhanced Shapefile and EPS Output

September 5th, 2007

The latest online demo has expanded output options for map makers. MapShaper can now convert Polygon Shapefiles to Polyline Shapefiles and EPS files containing either lines or polygons. Converted Polyline Shapefiles contain an attribute field named "SHARED" that identifies those boundaries that are shared by two adjacent polygons. The polyline EPS output now uses a different color for shared and unshared boundaries.

MapShaper Demo

updated 5 Sep, 2007

[launch](#)

You can use this demo to upload and simplify your own Shapefiles, using one of three simplification methods. This version has enhanced Shapefile and EPS output functionality that can distinguish between inner and outer polygon boundaries.

Layer information

Imported coords: 208444

Approx. % retained: 0

Simplification method ?

- ☒ Douglas-Peucker
- ☐ Visvalingam-Whyatt
- ☐ Modified V-W

Display settings ?

☒ show original lines

line width

- ☒ 1 pixel
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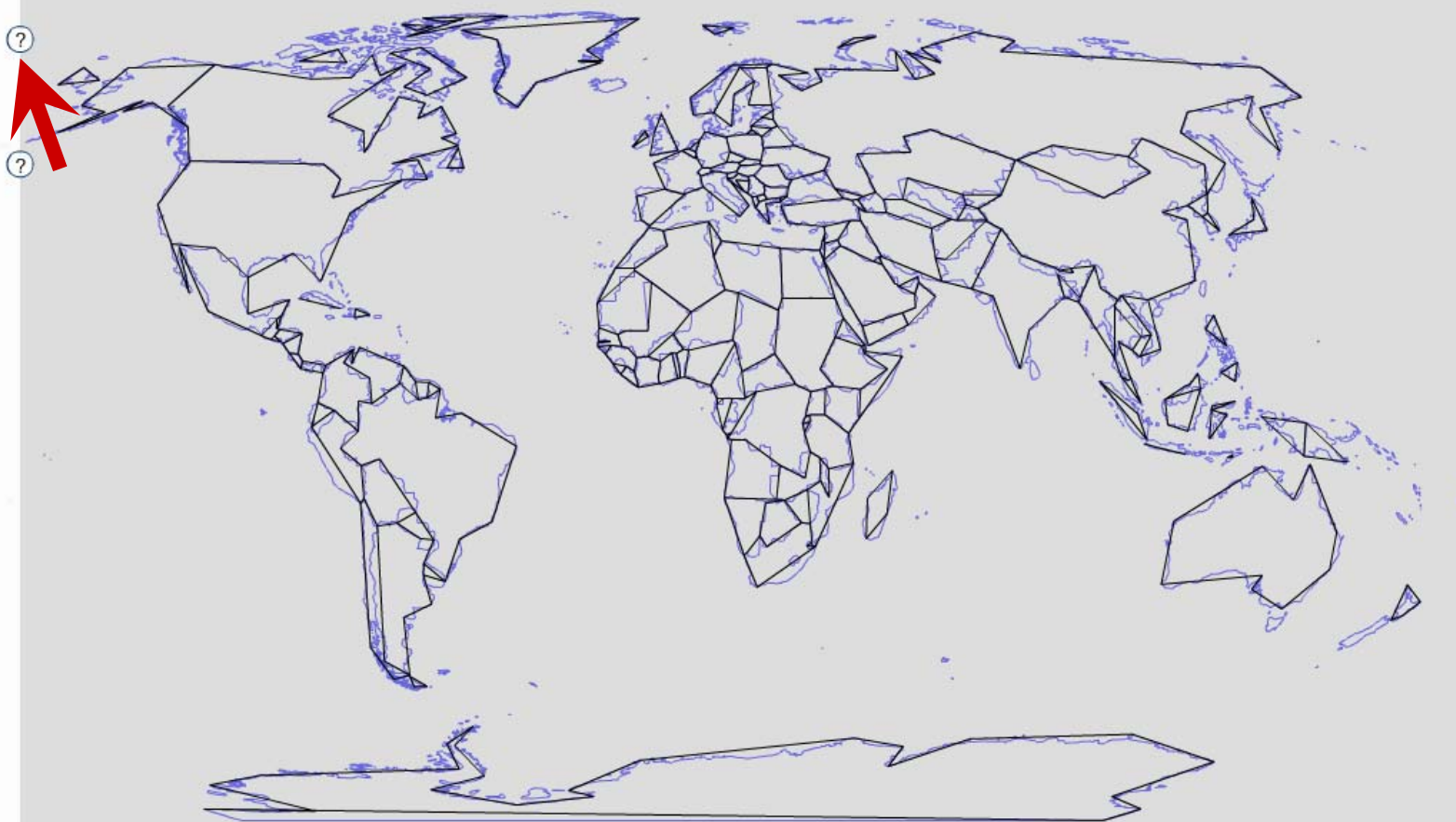
editing tools

simplification level

100%

zoom level

90%



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The Douglas-Peucker algorithm is commonly used in GIS systems, but may yield a spiky appearance and is prone to self-intersections.

Visvalingam-Whyatt is an alternative to Douglas-Peucker that may create fewer self-intersections.

We designed the "modified" version of the Visvalingam-Whyatt algorithm to filter out spiky features and small-scale jaggedness.



TypeBrewER

TypeBrewer: A Map Design Help Tool for Selecting Typography

[Go to TypeBrewer >>](#)

TypeBrewer is a free help tool that gives non-specialist mapmakers a chance to explore typography in a semi-structured environment. It is not mapmaking software. Instead of providing the functionality of a graphic design program or GIS, TypeBrewer offers a quick and easy way to explore typographic alternatives and see the impact that various elements of type have on the overall look and feel of a map. TypeBrewer is designed for mapmakers who want to learn more about map typography and get practical design specifications for starting a map project.

TypeBrewer templates are based on sound typographic and cartographic principles, as well as best professional practices. They can be applied to a wide range of possible projects:

To use TypeBrewer, you'll need the [Adobe Flash Player](#), version 8 or higher.

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Formal

Formal templates can help contribute to a **formal** or **elegant** map look and feel.



Informal



Classic



Contemporary



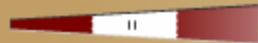
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Terrain



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Labels

Other Text

Countries

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Size(pt): 15 Track: 0

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Size(pt): 12 - 21 Track: 12 - 1250

Oceans

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Size(pt): 11 - 17.5 Track: 0 - 50

Rivers

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Islands

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Three ways to explore type: Size, Density, Tracking

These elements of map typography have an impact on legibility, help categorize and classify map features, create visual hierarchy, and change the overall look and feel of a map.

1) Size

Size plays a critical role in determining type legibility. It can also help to communicate the relative importance of features and, in some cases, be used to encode data (e.g., population values). If feature categories are to be distinguished by size, a difference of at least 2 points is necessary.

The size of type is most commonly measured in points (1 inch = 72 pts). Other measures include picas (12 pts = 1 pica), inches, millimeters, and pixels. Size refers to the height of a letter. For a given typeface, it is measured from the top of the capital letter to the bottom of the letter with the lowest descender. This is a holdover from metal type setting, in which all characters in a font had to fit on a slug of the same body size to ensure uniform printing. It is important to note that different typefaces at the same point size can have different heights. Point size alone should never be used to determine legibility.

24 pt Avant Garde Std 24 pt Adobe Jenson Pro

On the computer, type is rendered by converting points to pixels. Several factors can impact the size of type displayed on screen. The number of pixels per inch that one application (or operating system) uses to calculate height can differ from another. In other words, the same typeface at the same size can have different heights when viewed in different software. Most graphic design software uses 72

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Resources in Print

Typography

--Brigham, Robert. 2005. *The Elements of Typographic Style*. 3.1 ed. Point Roberts, WA: Hartley & Marks. See chaps. 3, 6, 9, 11.

--Carter, Rob, Ben Day, and Philip Meggs. 2002. *Typographic Design: Form and Communication*. 3rd ed. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons. See chaps. 2 and 4.

--Lupton, Ellen. 2004. *Thinking with Type: A Critical Guide for Designers, Writers, Editors, and Students*. New York: Princeton Architectural Press. See pgs. 13-57.

--Meggs, Philip, and Rob Carter. 1993. *Typographic Specimens: The Great Typefaces*. New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold.

--Perfect, Christopher, and Gordon Rookledge. 2004. *Rookledge's Classic International Type Finder: The Essential Handbook of Typeface Recognition and Selection*. London: Laurence King.

Typography + Cartography

--Brewer, Cynthia A. 2005. *Designing Better Maps: A Guide for GIS Users*. Redlands, CA: ESRI Press. See chaps. 2 and 3.

--Slocum, Terry A., Robert B. McMaster, Fritz C. Kessler, and Hugh H. Howard. 2005. *Thematic Cartography and Geographic Visualization*. 2d ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall. See chap. 11.3.

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HOW TO USE TYPEBREWER

Follow the 5 steps below:

1. **Select** a template that contains pre-made combinations of typefaces and styles
2. **Explore** ways of altering the template
3. **Get Specs** for all of the labels and other text in the template
4. **Compare** fonts in the template to each other and to the fonts on your computer
5. **Export** the template by downloading an Illustrator file or printing it with its specs

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Select one of twelve possible templates arranged in four main categories.

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Compare (a) your fonts to template fonts, (b) a number of possible font alternatives, and (c) detailed font info for all template fonts.

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


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Who is the community?

General

Forum	Topics	Replies	Last Post Info
 CartoTalk Announcements General announcements and information about this web site.	62	500	 Jan 21 2008, 01:33 PM In: CartoTalk Skin Redesign By: Nick S.
 News & Press Releases Cartography and design related news and info.	174	462	 Yesterday, 08:38 AM In: MAPublisher 7.6 for Adobe Illu... By: Ted Florence
 Interesting Links Links to cartography and map sites.	370	1,040	 Yesterday, 04:50 PM In: Gap Minder's Trendalyzer By: Speer_man
 Introductions Introduce yourself here so we can get to know you better.	179	760	 Yesterday, 09:40 PM In: Fly fisherman who loves making... By: dsalbany1
 Off Topic For anything not related to cartography/mapping/design. Fun stuff encouraged.	151	1,275	 Jan 18 2008, 05:26 PM In: Happy Birthday Nick! By: Jean-Louis

Discussions

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 Map Gallery Post your map designs here and get feedback from other cartographers. Attach images up to 500kb or link to any size image on your own server.	189	1,490	 Today, 01:58 AM In: Map template for Atlas By: MapMedia
 General Cartography Any topics related to cartography	204	1,296	 Today, 12:59 PM In: Software Tests By: Erin
 Cartographic Design Topics related to the visual design of maps	116	758	 Jan 17 2008, 08:35 PM In: Cartographic Perspectives colu... By: sean

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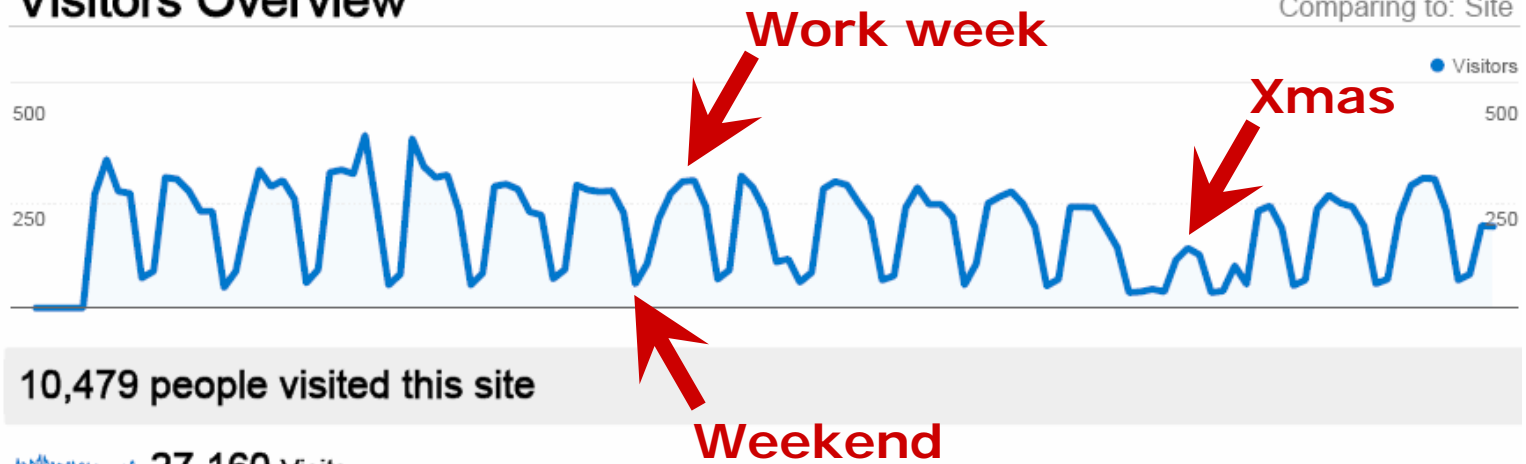

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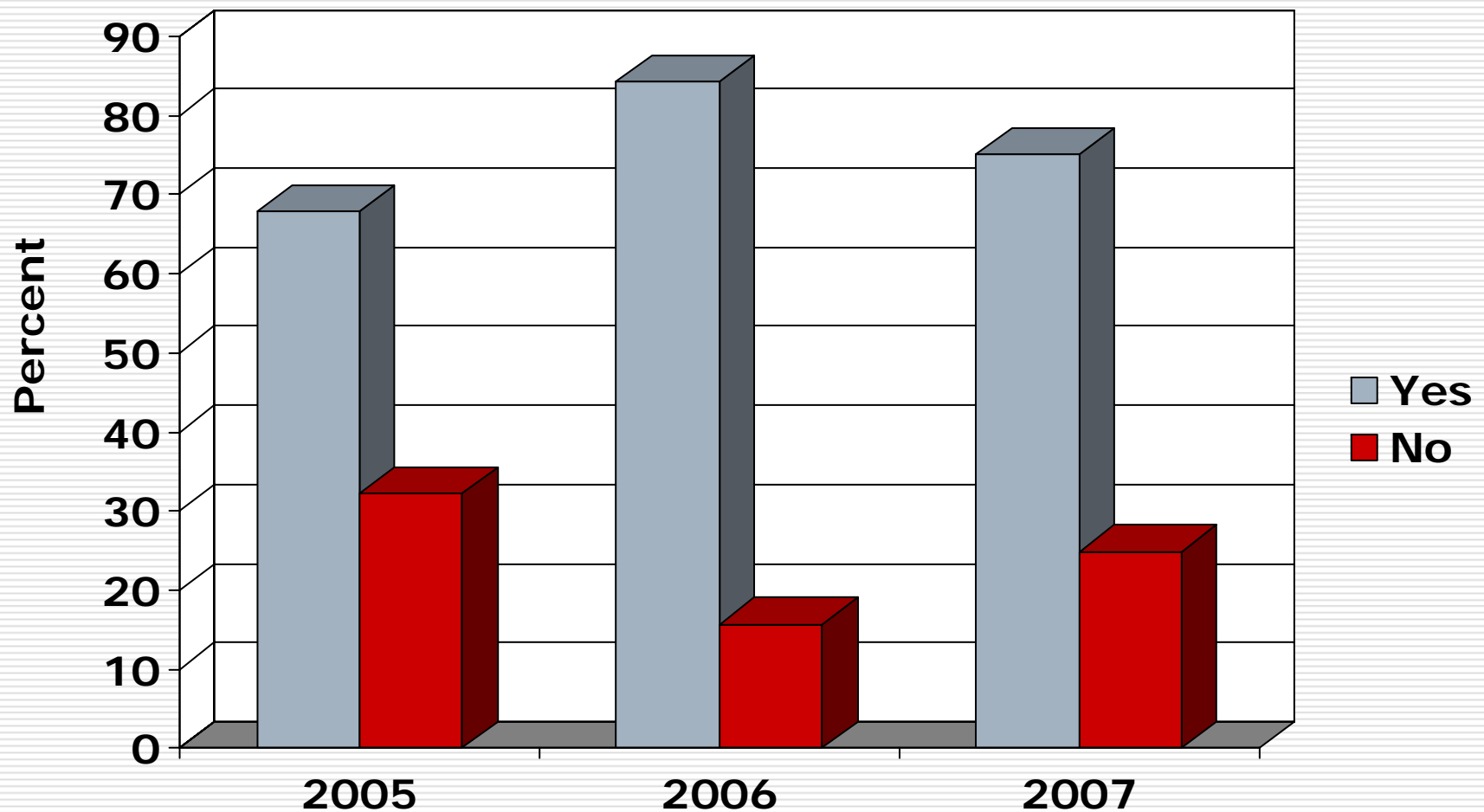
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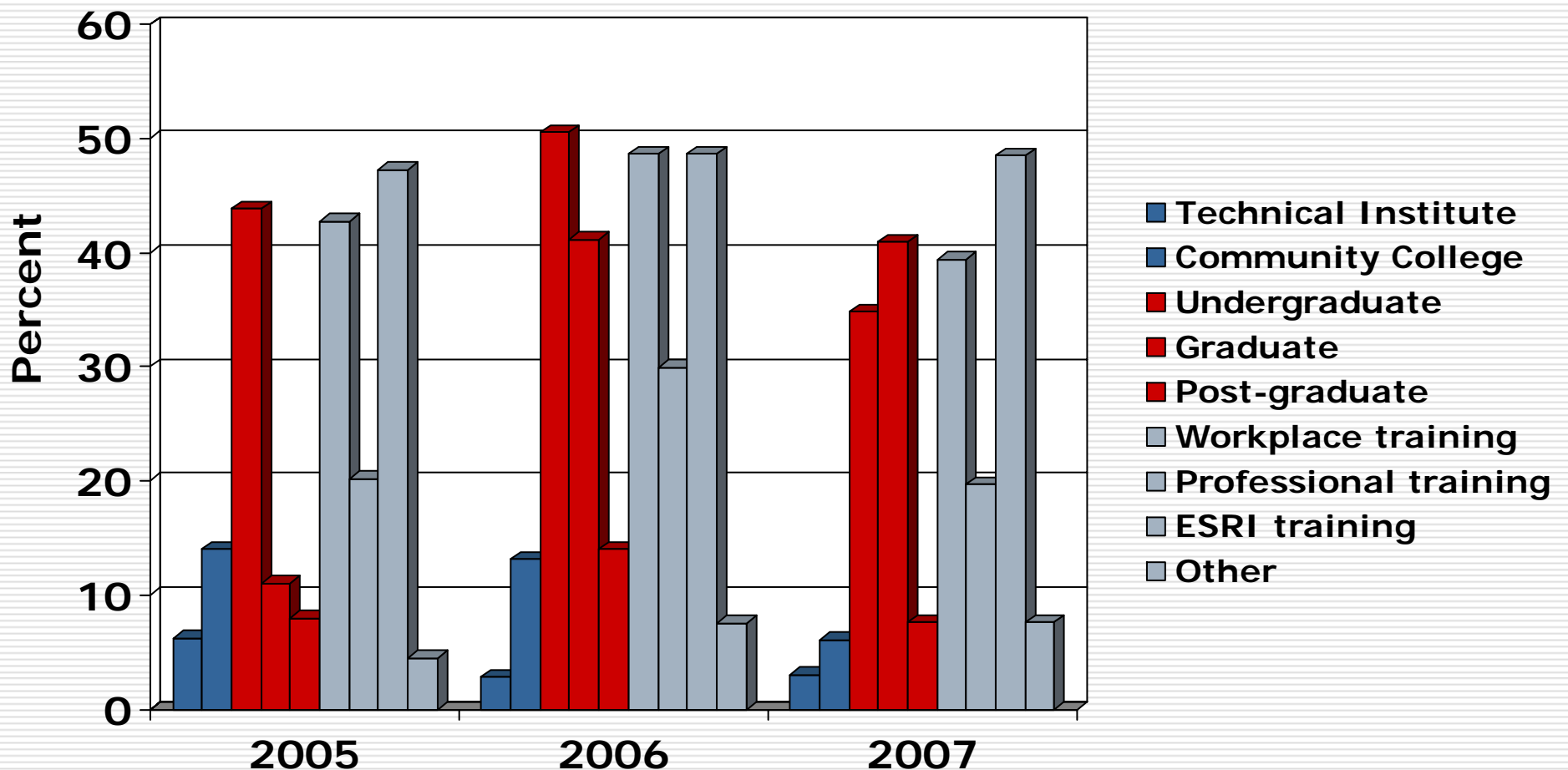
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Have you received formal cartographic or map production education?



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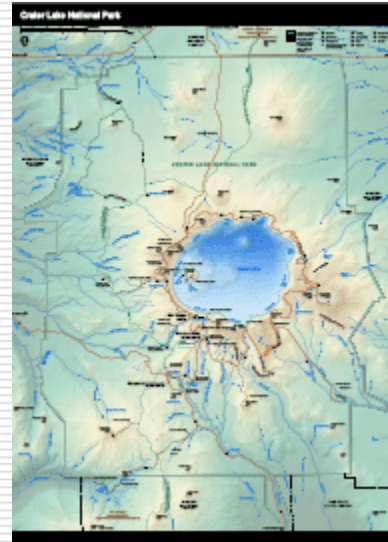
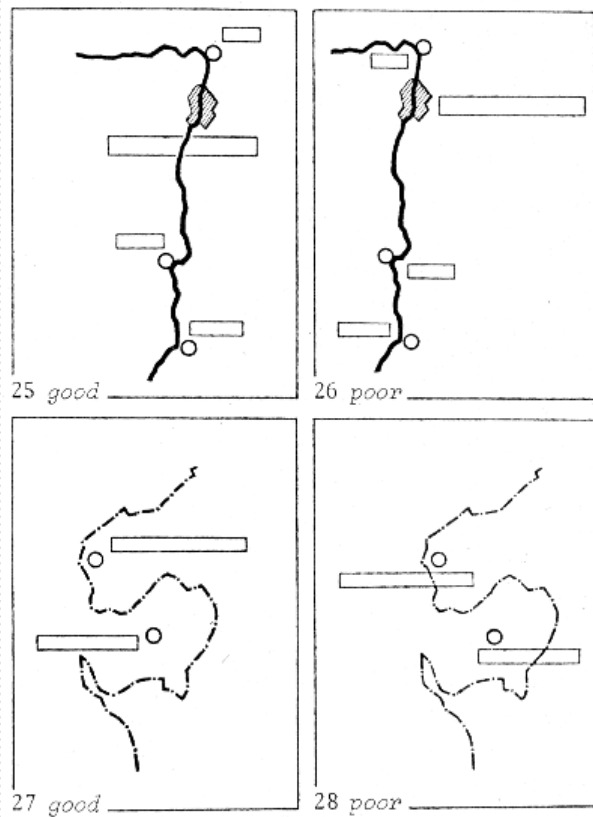
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 - Teaching Materials
 - Relief Representation
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The Cartographer's Eye

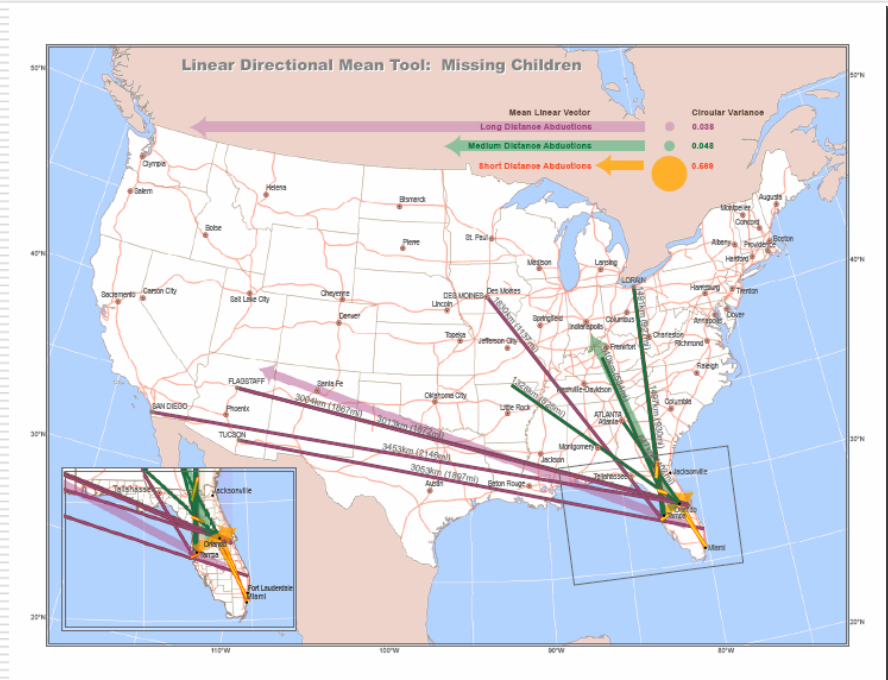
□ *a la* Imhof*



* Imhof, Eduard. 1975. "Positioning Names on Maps." *American Cartographer* 2(2): 128-144

The Cartographer's Eye

- ❑ "This place looks an island with a lot of rivers."
- ❑ "What do the arrows mean?"
- ❑ "What do their colors mean?"
- ❑ "I can't see what's happening in Florida."



Teaching Materials

- ☐ Useful to teach a one-day workshop (university or anywhere) or to teach yourself
 - Lecture
 - ☐ PowerPoints with bottom notes
 - Labs
 - ☐ Data sets, styles, expressions, statements, .MXDs, step-by-step instructions, whatever is needed
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Terrain Representation

☐ Morning – The Basics

- Data
- DEM Manipulation
- Hillshading
- Layer Tinting

☐ Afternoon - Advanced Topics

- Advanced DEM Manipulation
- Advanced Hillshading Techniques
- Modifications to Layer Tinting
- Bump Mapping
- Vegetation
- Illuminated Contours
- Printing and Output

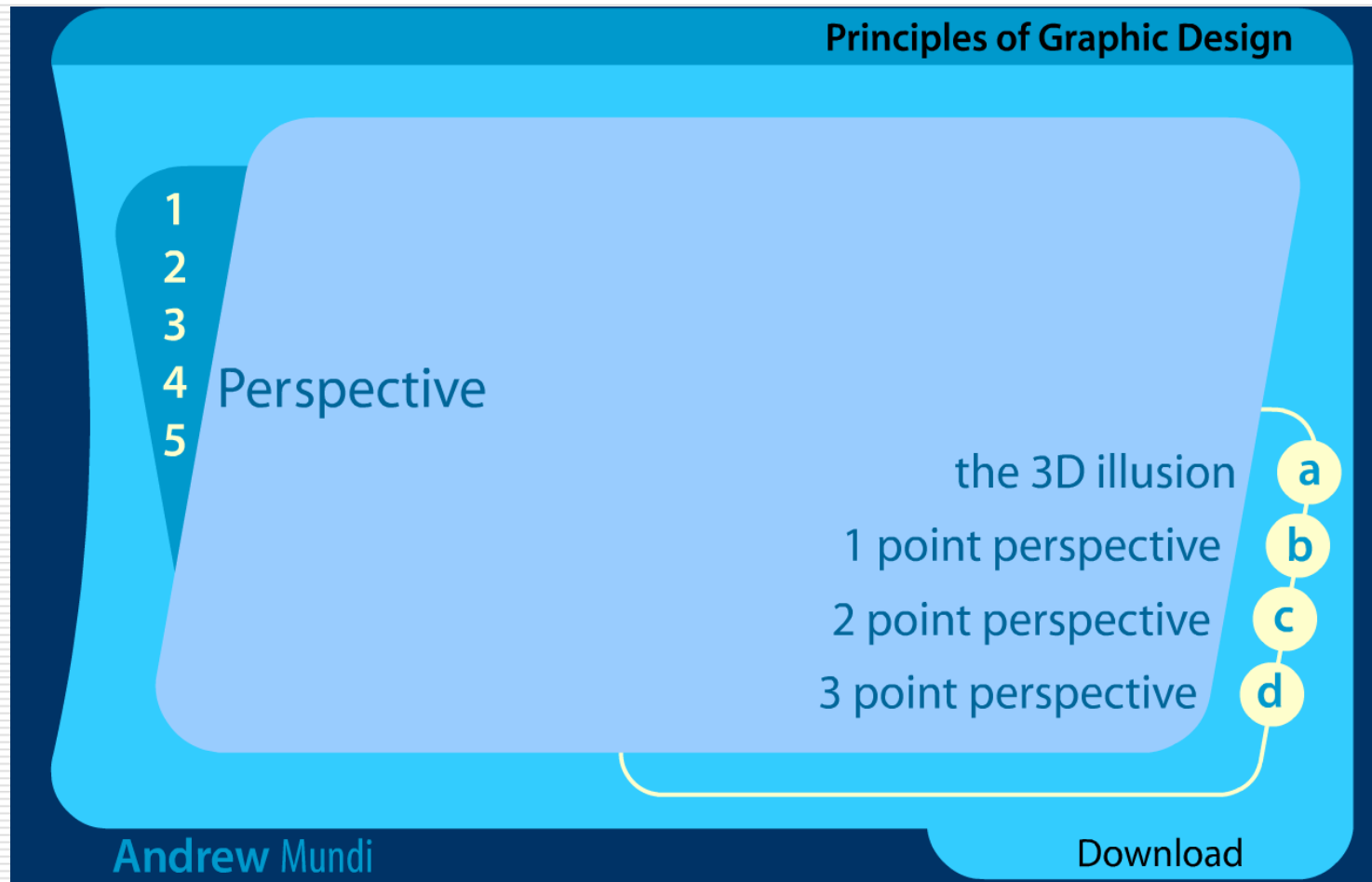
☐ Final Project

☐ Related readings

- Imhof – *Relief Presentation*, with attention to selected sections
- Tom Patterson – selected readings
- Jeff Nighbert – Bump mapping
- Kennelly and Kimerling – Tanaka's illuminated contours
- David Barnes – Swiss Hillshade
- David Mark – MDOW hillshade

Basic Cartographic Design

❑ After Andrew Mundi's Graphic Design



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