United States Map Assignment

DIRECTIONS: LABEL THE FOLLOWING ON THE LARGE U.S. MAP

POLITICAL MAP – Color the states. DON’T color states that are next to each other the same color.

A. Label each of the 50 states. (Do not abbreviate.)

B. Place an (X) on the location of each state capital and label it.

C. Label the countries that border the United States.

D. Label the following cities.
   1. Anchorage
   2. Albuquerque
   3. Miami
   4. Las Vegas
   5. New York City
   6. New Orleans
   7. Seattle
   8. Dallas
   9. Los Angeles
  10. Chicago
  11. San Francisco

E. Label the following bodies of water:

   Blue is reserved for water. Color or shade all bodies of water in blue pencil.

   1. Atlantic Ocean
   2. Pacific Ocean
   3. Gulf of Alaska
   4. Great Salt Lake
   5. Gulf of Mexico
   6. Great Lakes (all 5)

F. Label the following rivers:

   Blue is reserved for water. Draw rivers in the appropriate position on your map, making sure that you have drawn in the complete river. Color or shade all bodies of water in blue pencil.

   1. Mississippi
   2. Ohio
   3. Missouri

G. Label the following physical features:

   All mountains should be drawn in like this ^^^^^.

   1. Appalachian Mts
   2. Rocky Mountains
General Map Rules – This map will count as test grades!

These rules should be followed each time a map is assigned in class.

1. Place a title on the top of the map. Label this a “U.S. Political Map”. Minus five points for no title.

2. Shade or color the map completely using map/colored pencils. Minus twenty points for not following this direction.

3. When shading states for a political map, do not use the same colors for adjoining states.

4. Create a key. Examples of items to be included in a map key are: landforms, water, symbols for cities, etc. Minus ten points for no key or an incorrect key.

5. Draw a compass rose. Minus five points for no compass.

6. All mountains should be drawn in like this ^^^^^. Be sure to draw the complete range of the mountains.

7. Blue is reserved for water. Draw rivers in the appropriate position on your map, making sure that you have drawn in the complete river. Color or shade all bodies of water in blue pencil.

8. Label neatly in blue or black ink, horizontally on the map. Label in small, neat print. Straight line labeling is permitted when areas are small. When labeling waterways, label following the direction of the river if labeling horizontally is not practical. Minus five points for not labeling in blue or black ink.

9. If labeling cities, remember to place them accurately on the map. Points will be taken off for each missing/misplaced map feature.

10. Spelling and capitalization count!! Minus one point for each misspelled word or for words not capitalized.

11. Quality and neatness matter!! In other words, no scribbling, messy coloring, and/or labeling. This counts as part of your grade.

Note: You will be provided detailed instructions for each set of maps that you do.