Worksheet for Analysis of a Map

Prepare a written report on your assigned map by answering these questions about it.

1. TYPE OF MAP (check one):
   ___ Raised relief map  ___ Bird’s-eye view
   ___ Topographic map  ___ Artifact map
   ___ Political map  ___ Satellite photograph/mosaic
   ___ Contour-line map  ___ Pictograph
   ___ Natural resource map  ___ Weather map
   ___ Military map  ___ Other: ___________________

2. PHYSICAL QUALITIES OF THE MAP (check one or more):
   ___ Compass  ___ Name of mapmaker
   ___ Handwritten  ___ Title
   ___ Date  ___ Legend
   ___ Notations  ___ Other ___________________
   ___ Scale  ___________________

3. DATE OF MAP: _____________________________________________________

4. DESIGNER OF MAP: _________________________________________________

5. WHERE WAS THE MAP PRODUCED? __________________________________

6. MAP INFORMATION
   A. List three questions that this map answers:
      1. _________________________________________________________
      2. _________________________________________________________
      3. _________________________________________________________
   B. For what purpose would you say this map was created?
      __________________________________________________________________
   C. What evidence within the map itself suggests why it was drawn?
      __________________________________________________________________
   D. What might this map add to a textbook account of a region or event?
      __________________________________________________________________
   E. Does the information in this map support or contradict information that you have read about this region or event? Explain.
      __________________________________________________________________
   F. Write a question to the mapmaker that is left unanswered by this map.
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