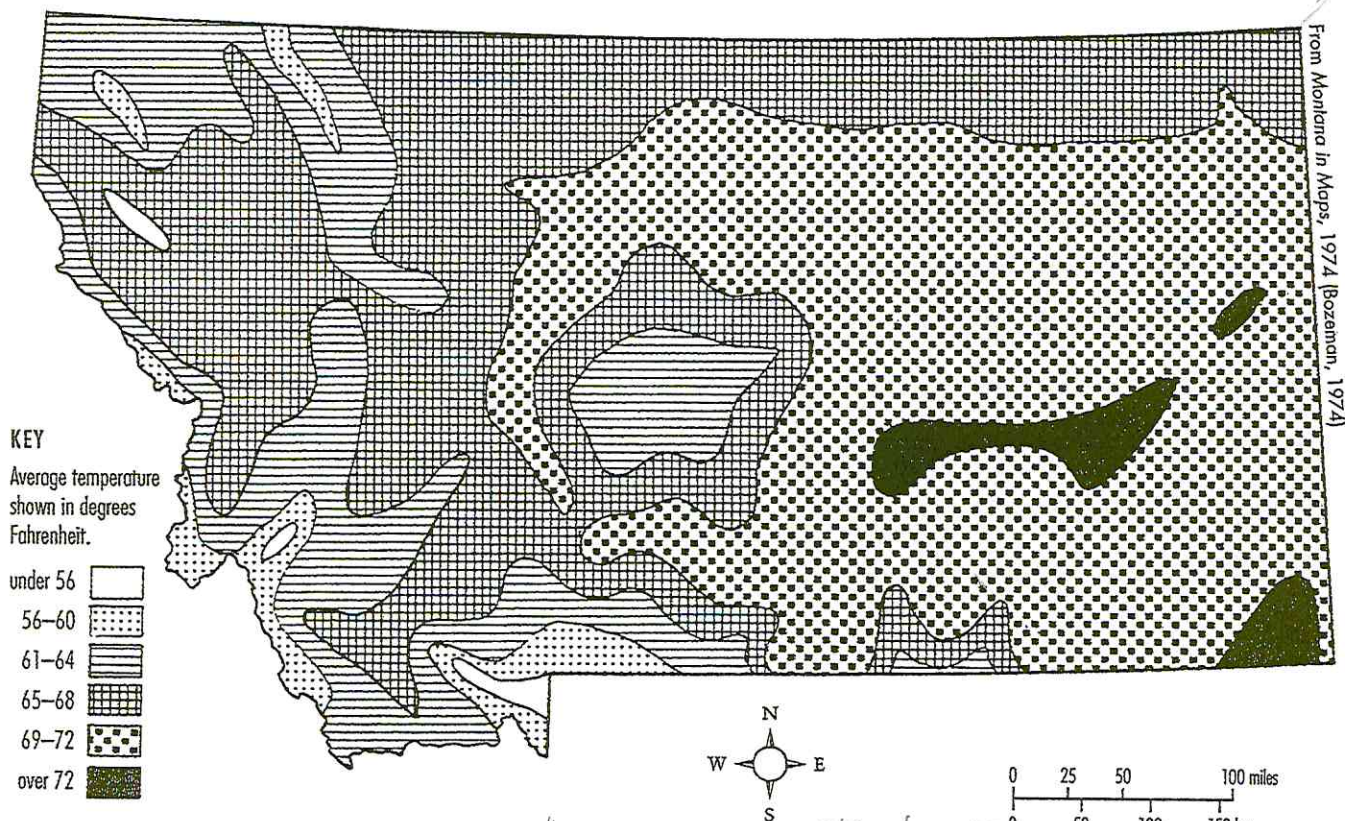


CHAPTER 1 / Map Skills: Reading a Map

Maps are important tools for historians as well as geographers. Maps are used to describe physical and political features. They are also used to illustrate climate, precipitation, population, economic factors, and many other interesting facts about a region.

Study the map below and then answer the questions that follow.

Average July Temperature



- What is the name of this map? Average July Temperature
- What does the key tell you? Average temperature shown in degree Fahrenheit
- How do you know where temperatures average 56-60 degrees? white with small dots
- What is the temperature range shown on this map? under 56 to over 72
- Using the scale, what is the approximate distance between Montana's northern and southern borders?
About 300 mi.
- The directional arrow shows north, south, east, and west. North is usually shown at the top of the arrow. Using the directional arrow, in which direction(s) do you find the coldest July temperatures? North west, south, West