

Comparing Map Projections



Keeping in mind that the most accurate representation of the world is a globe, analyze two different map projections compared to the globe. Record what you observe in the chart below.

	Projection #1	Projection #2
Which continent appears to be the largest?		
Which continent appears to be the smallest?		
Which continent appears to be the most important? Why?		
Select two cities far away from one another in latitude (N-S) or in longitude (E-W). Do they appear on the maps to be farther away from one another or closer together?		
Are the shapes of the continents and oceans similar to or different than those on the globe? Describe.		
Which projection do you think is most accurate compared to the globe? Why? *		

* Note that different projections are useful for different purposes so there is no right or wrong answer here. Record your impressions.