Activity 6: Organizing Illustrator Layers

Time: Twenty minutes

Goal: Correctly open an Adobe Illustrator file that was exported from ArcGIS. Organize and rename your map layers!

Activity:

- 1. Download Activity6_MappingActivity.ai from Canvas and open.
- 2. Select Update when prompted about Legacy Text.
- 3. Take a look at your Layers Panel (Window > Layer) in Adobe Illustrator. Select All layers (Select > All).
- Once each of your layers are selected, remove the clipping masks (Object > Clipping > Release). Notice how your layers expand.
- 5. Expand your GreatLakes layer and select the top layer (this is the clipping mask).



- 6. Now that you have one clipping mask selected, click Select > Same > Fill and Stroke. This will select many clipping masks (one per map layer).
- 7. Delete all of the clipping masks. Hit delete.
- 8. Rename your layers and rearrange your map layers, so your Layer Panel looks something like the screenshot on the next page.
- 9. If you have time, have fun styling this map!

Note: You're welcome to use this as an inset for your Lab 1! Delete the Colorado and Denver layers and manually select your state. Create a new layer and drag your state into the new layer. Once you finish your inset style, you can Select All and paste into your Lab 1 file. Make sure Paste Remembers Layers is checked under the "hamburger" button.

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Tips and Tricks: Click the entire Countries layer in the Layers Panel and drag to the bottom. Create a new layer (label it Map Elements). Rename Other 2 to Scale Bar and move the layer underneath Map Elements.



Submit: Submit your Adobe Illustrator file to Canvas!