



## What is a topographic map?



- A) A map that shows political parties, by state.
- B) A map that shows physical features, such as elevation.
- C) A map that shows cities, towns and the boundaries of countries, provinces or states.
- D) A map that uses color to express statistical data.
- E) None of the above.

**WELL DONE!**





There are many different ways in which to map a country. The most common type of map is a political map. **Political maps** show international and state/provincial boundaries and they show the locations of towns and cities. Most political maps also show the major rivers, lakes and mountain ranges within a country. Topographic maps usually show a smaller area and display information in great detail. Topographic maps are easily recognizable because they use **contour lines** to show differences in **elevation**.



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**political map**



a)



**topographic map**

**Open Discussion:**

What are the differences between Distribution Maps, Graduated Color Maps and Isoline Maps?

