

Topographic Mapping Note Sheet

Name: _____

What is topography?

What does a topographic map tell you, that other maps can't?

Who might use a topographic map (and why)?

Define the following:

Elevation:

Contour Lines:

Contour Interval:

Depression Contour:

Practice Questions:

1) Which of the topographic maps shows two peaks? _____

Which side has higher elevation?

2) Which topographic map shows the steepest cliff? _____

Where is it?

3) Can you tell the elevation of the topographic feature in plot B exactly? If so, what is the elevation, if not, why and what would be your closest guess?

4) Which topographic map has a contour interval of 50 feet?

5) Which of the topographic maps depicts a canyon, or depression?
