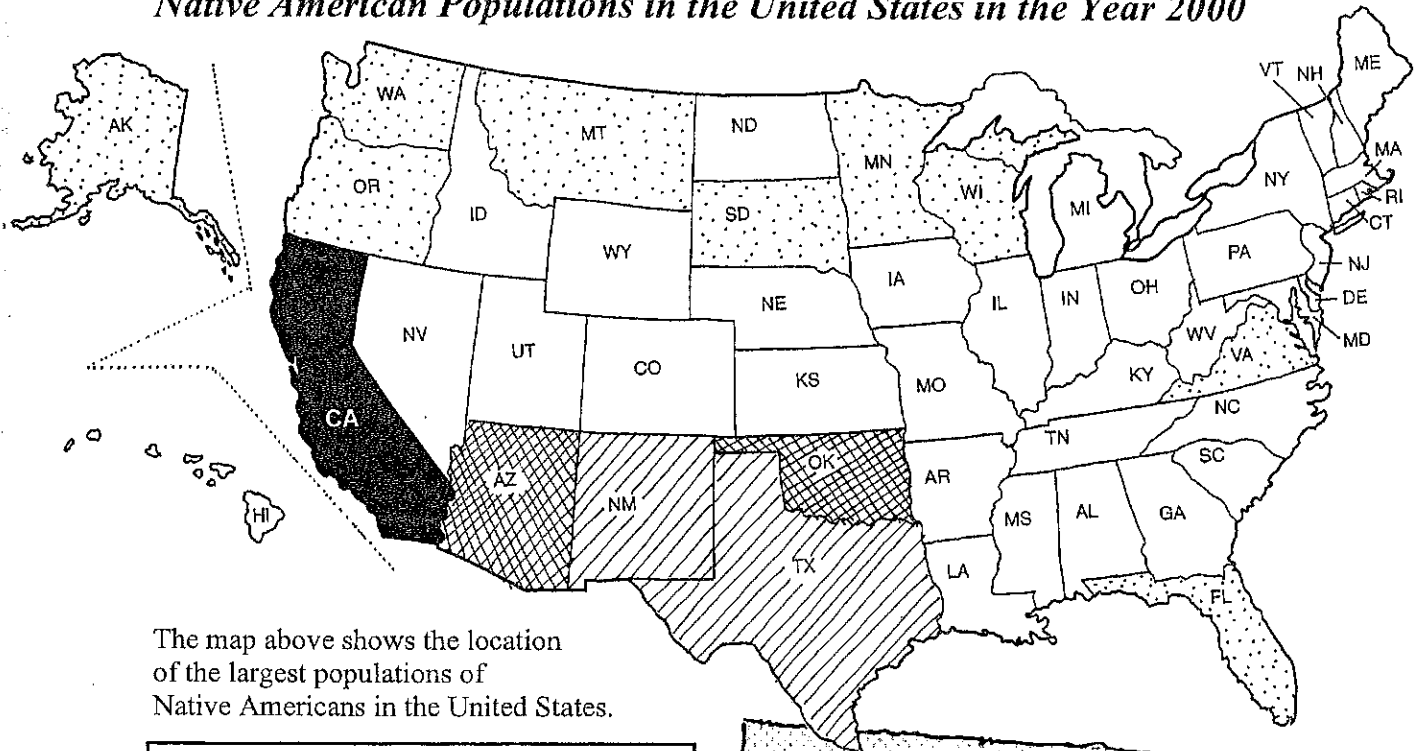


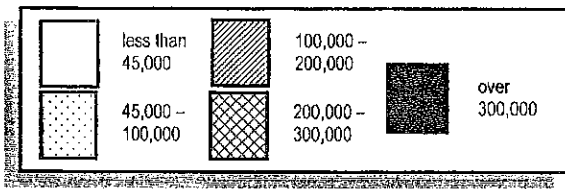
Cultural Maps

Maps that show human features within an area are called *cultural maps*. These maps show such things as population, language, customs, or economic activity. They may also show locations of particular cultural features that humans have added to the world.

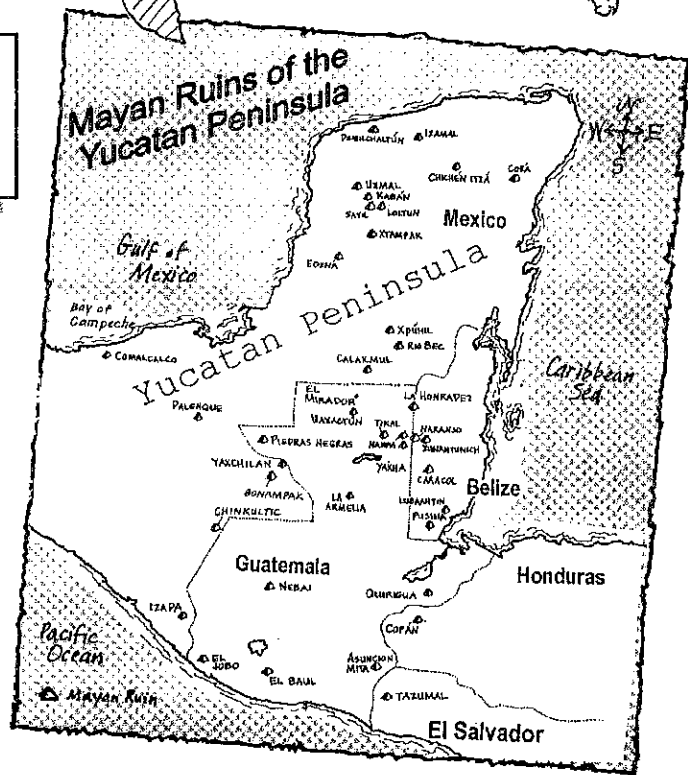
Native American Populations in the United States in the Year 2000



The map above shows the location of the largest populations of Native Americans in the United States.



This map shows the locations of some of the largest or most well-known Mayan ruins in the Yucatan Peninsula of Central America.



Special Purpose Maps

Maps that give information about specific subjects or are designed for a unique purpose can be called *special-purpose maps*. There are literally hundreds of different kinds of maps created for giving specialized information or helping people find various locations. This page and pages 88-92 will give you examples of some special purpose maps.



Weather or Climate Maps

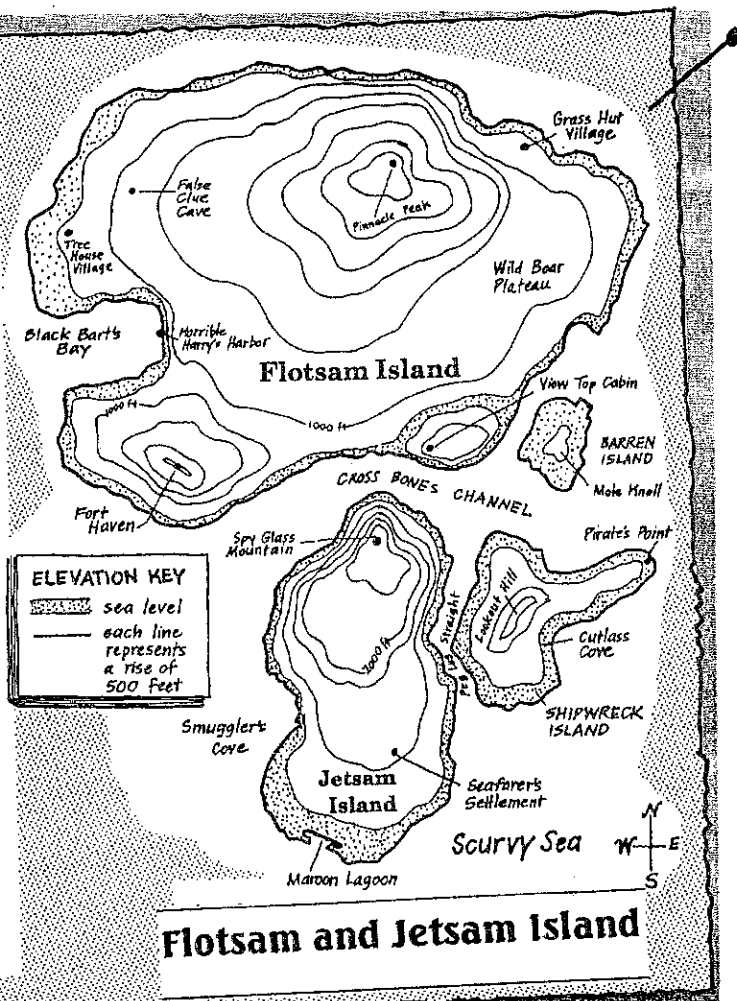
Weather or climate maps give information about the climate or weather patterns of an area.

This map shows the average annual rainfall of Mexico.

Elevation Maps

Elevation maps are physical maps that show how the surface varies from place to place. (These are sometimes called *landform maps*.) Differences in elevation can be shown on a map with color, shading, pictures, or lines. A *contour map* uses a series of lines to show change in elevation. A *contour line* on the map is a line that connects areas of the same elevation.

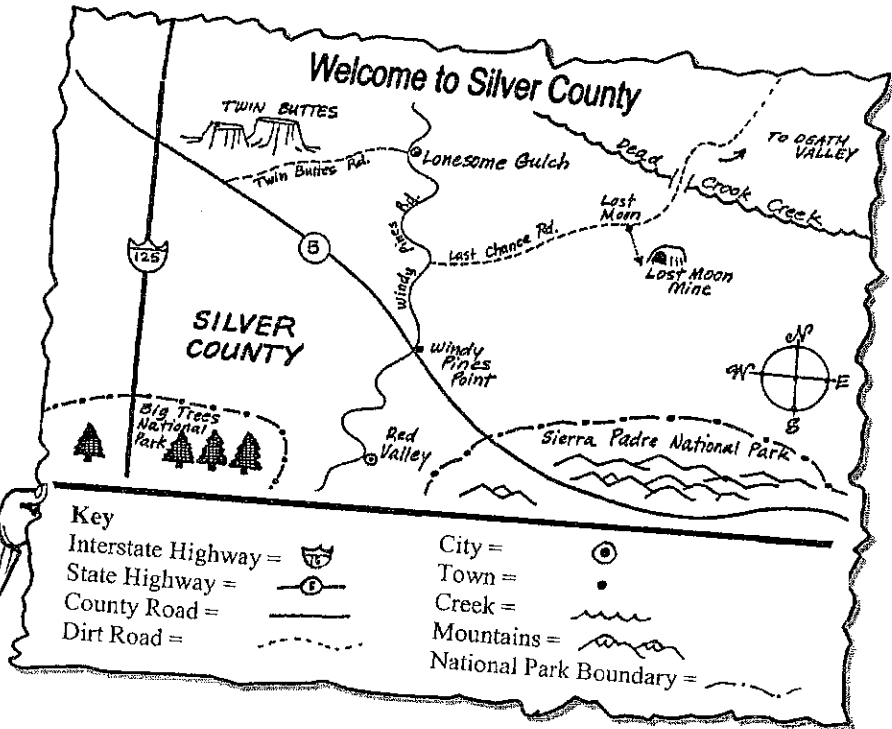
This contour map shows the elevation on these small islands. When you see several lines close together on a contour map, you can assume the land has a sudden elevation increase. This alerts you to a hill, mountain, or cliff on the land.



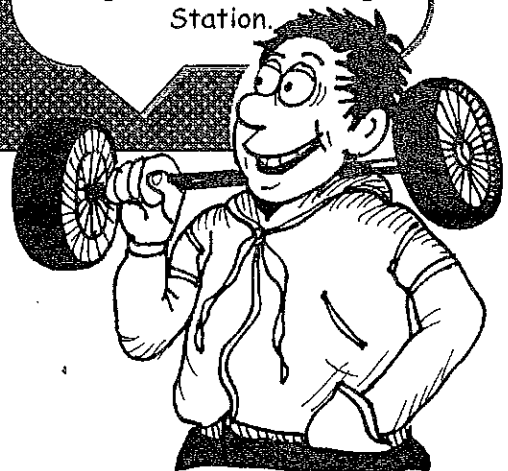
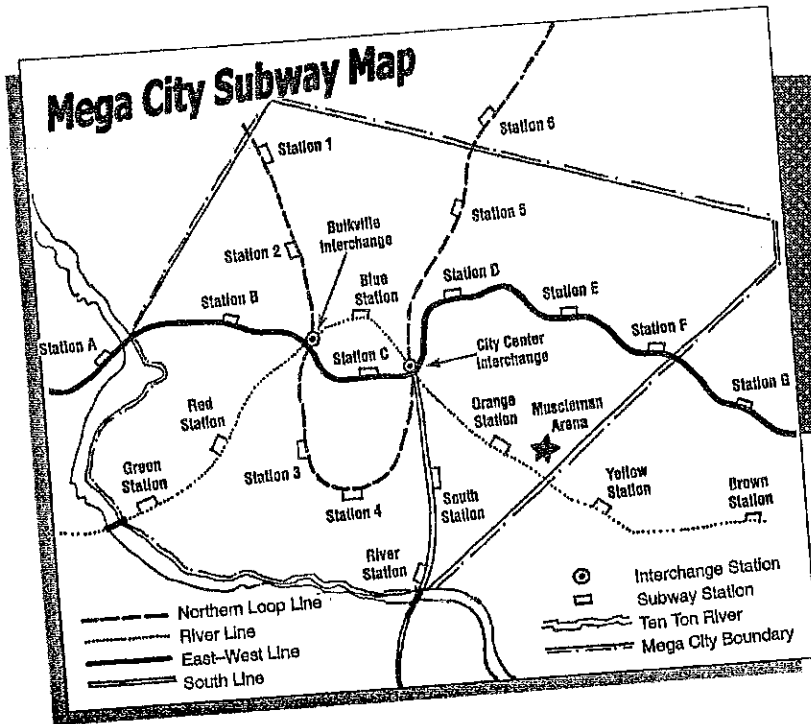
Road or Route Maps

Road maps or route maps help people find their way to and from many places.

With the Silver County map, I will be able to find my way to Lost Moon Mine, take a shortcut to Lonesome Gulch, or follow a dirt road to Death Valley.



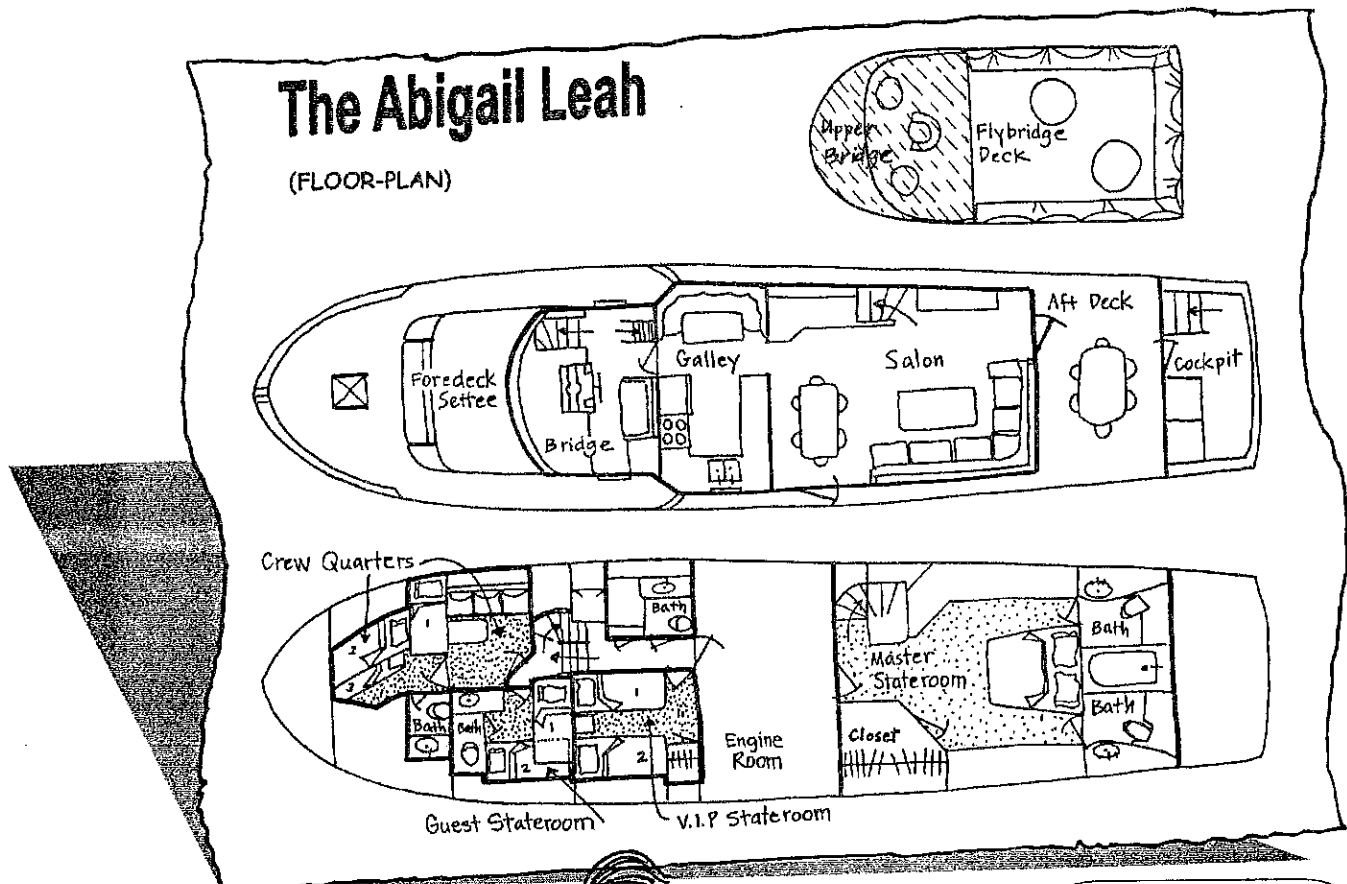
I am headed for the big weight lifting competition at the Muscleman Arena. This Mega City Subway map helps me choose the best station to get on the right line. I see that I should take the River Line and get off at the Orange Station.



Floor Maps

A *floor map* or *floor plan* is a map that shows the way around a room, building, shopping center, or other structure. This kind of a map uses lines, shapes, and sometimes color or shading to show such things as the layout of the structure, the position of the rooms or furniture, the halls or walkways, the doors, and the windows.

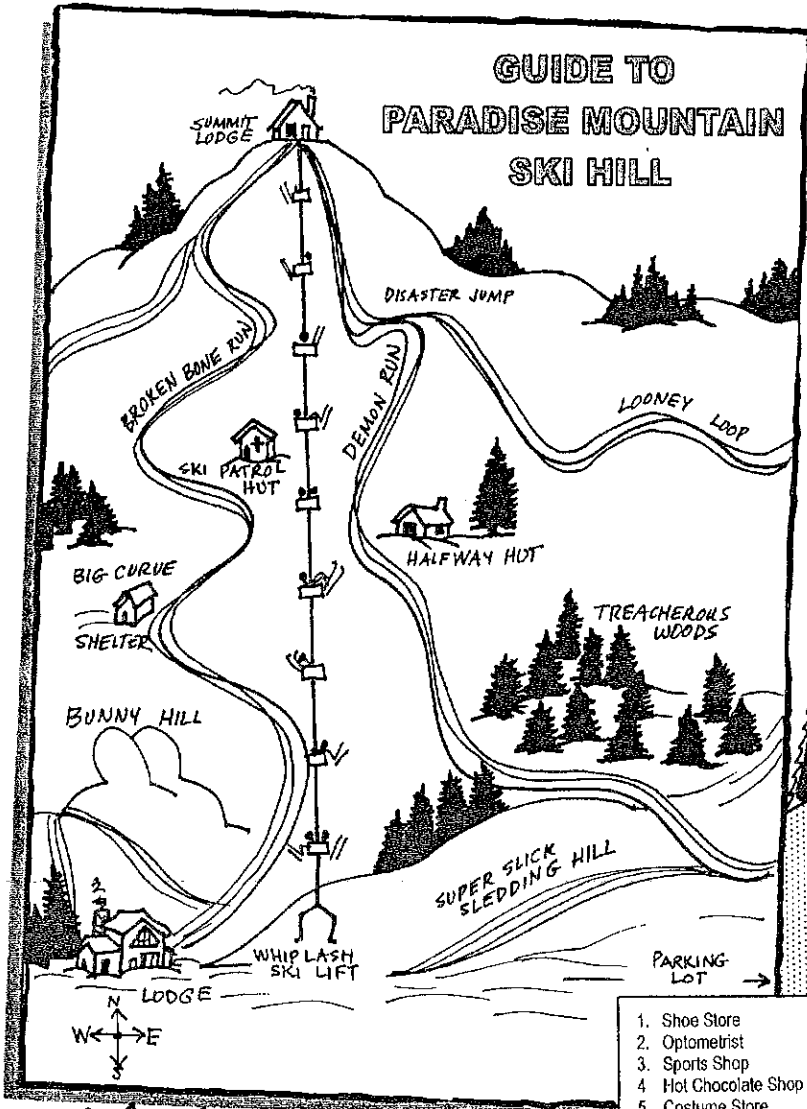
The floor plan of this yacht shows a visitor the features and layout of the yacht. The map shows the layout of places and spaces on three different decks.



I really *need* this floor plan of the yacht just to find my stateroom!

Relative Location Maps

A *relative location map* shows the position of a person, place, or object in relation to the surroundings. You can find relative location maps at most shopping centers, malls, museums, and other large public places. These maps help people figure out exactly where they are and where a specific spot or item is located.



After I use this handy map to find my way off this mountain, I'm going straight to the mall for padded ski pants, and maybe I should stop in to see my eye doctor!



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12. Comic Book Store																			
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Distribution Maps

Some maps show how a cultural or physical feature is distributed in different parts of the world, country, or other area. Maps that show how something is spread out across an area are called *distribution maps*. This kind of a map could use symbols, icons, or colors to show the locations of bus stations throughout a city, where diamond mines are in a country, how population is distributed on a continent, what kind of vegetation grows around the world, or all the places in a county where someone can donate blood.

This is an example of a distribution map that a researcher made after traveling around the northern U.S. and southern Canada to investigate sightings of Bigfoot.

