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Unit 7 Topographic Maps  
Earth Science

**I. Time and Longitude**

- a. Humans divided the Earth into 24 time zones.
- b. ~~Meridians~~ Longitude are the basis for time zones.
- c. If you move one time zone to the EAST, the time will be 1 hour later.
- d. If you move one time zone to the WEST, the time will be 1 hour earlier.
- e. Why did humans put time zones on Earth?

**Railroads made travel quicker - needed common system**

**II. Drawing Maps of the Earth**

- a. Humans can map just about anything.
- b. A field is a region of space in which a similar quantity can be measured at every point or location.
- c. Field values can change with the passage of time.
- d. isolines - are lines that connect points of equal value.
  - i. isotherms - are lines that connect points of equal temperature.
  - ii. isobars - are lines that connect points of equal pressure.
  - iii. Contour lines are lines that connect points of equal elevation.

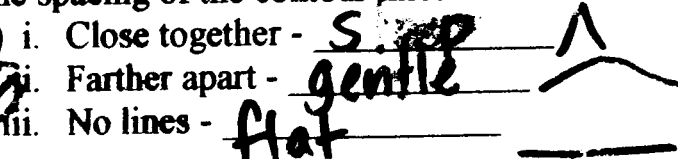
**III. Topographic Maps**

- a. Topographic maps are also called Contour maps.
- b. They are two dimensional models that use contour lines to represent places of equal elevation.
- c. Technology has both created changes and accelerate natural changes in the landscape.
- d. Contour lines - lines that connect points of equal elevation.
- e. Contour Interval - the distance between contour lines.
- f. \*\*\* You HAVE to know how to read, interpret and draw topographic maps.

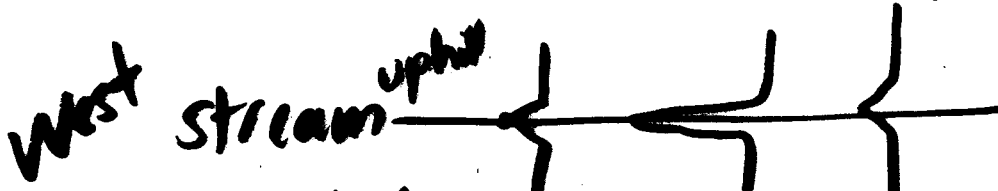


**IV. Topographic Map Rules**

- a. All points on a contour line have the same elevation.
- b. Every fifth line is called an index line. It is usually darker and helps you count elevations.
- c. All contour lines are closed (make a circle), but they might not look like they are closed because the map might be too small.
- d. Two contour lines of different elevations may not touch each other.
  - i. Exceptions: cliff and waterfall
- e. The spacing of the contour lines indicates the nature of the slope.



f. Where contour lines cross a stream, they always form a V. The V's point upstream (uphill), against the water flow.



Water flowing East  
East

*Ms. Weller's Special Rule*

1st one is a "do over."

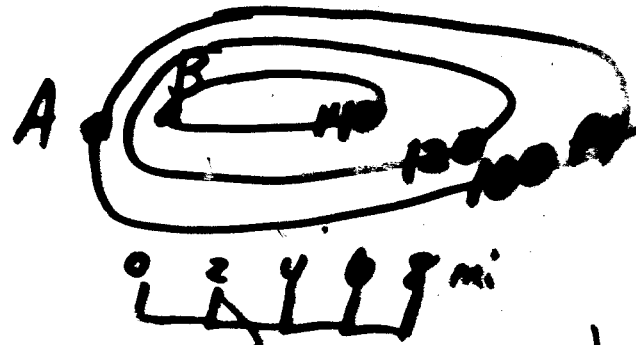
**h. Gradient.**

High marks indicate a depression hole in the ground



i. It is possible to calculate the gradient of a slope using the formula on page 1 of your reference table.

$$\text{Gradient} = \frac{\text{change in field value}}{\text{distance}}$$



$$= \frac{140 \text{ ft.} - 100 \text{ ft.}}{8 \text{ miles}} \quad (\leftarrow \text{Elevation of B} - \text{elevation A})$$

(← edge of paper, compared to scale.)

$$= \frac{40 \text{ ft.}}{8 \text{ miles}}$$

$$= 20 \text{ } \left( \frac{\text{ft.}}{\text{miles}} \right)$$

mi = miles  
m = meters  
ml = milliliters