



Map and Globe Skills

Use an Elevation Map

What? Elevation (el uh VAY shun) is the height of land above sea level. People usually measure elevation in feet or meters. At sea level, elevation is 0 feet.

An elevation map shows the heights of land areas. Elevation maps usually can be found in atlases. The elevation map shown on this page will help you understand the geography of Texas.

You have read that Texas has a variety of landforms — mountains, basins, plateaus, hills, and plains. On the map below, the colors on the map key are used to show the ranges of height of these various landforms.

