

**Earth's Surface**

**Directions:** Use your textbook to answer each question or respond to each statement.

1. Fill in the following table to compare and contrast landforms. Use check marks to indicate the characteristics that describe each landform.

	Plain	Plateau	Mountain
Low Relief			
High Relief			
Low Elevation			
High Elevation			

2. Which landform is most common on Earth?

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3. **Identify** and describe the major landform region in the United States in which your home and school are located.

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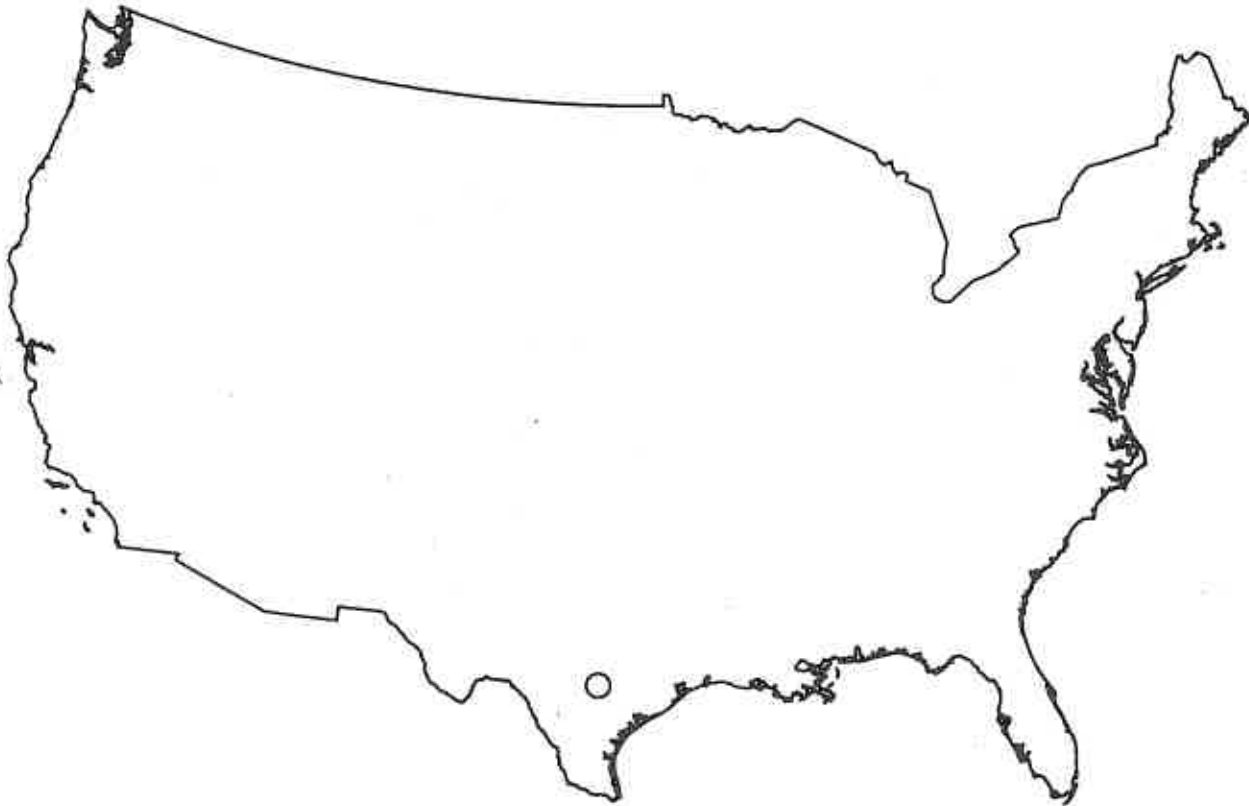
4. **Identify** and describe two major landform regions in the United States that are different from the landform region in which you live.

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**Content Practice A****LESSON 3****Earth's Surface**

**Directions:** Read the passage about a family's travel plans. Then on the map below, draw a line showing the route that the family will take.

1. The Smith family plans to make a long car trip through the United States. Here are the areas they plan to drive through, starting from their hometown of San Antonio in south central Texas.
  - across the Gulf Coastal Plain
  - up the Appalachian Mountains
  - halfway down the Atlantic Coastal Plain
  - across the Appalachian Mountains
  - across the Great Plains to the Rocky Mountains
  - up the northern part of the Rocky Mountains and then to California
  - down the Pacific Mountain System
  - across plateaus in Arizona and then back home



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**Lesson Quiz A****LESSON 3****Earth's Surface****Multiple Choice**

**Directions:** *On the line before each statement, write the letter of the correct answer.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Any topographic feature of Earth's crust is called a(n)  
A. contour.  
B. landform.  
C. elevation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Plains are landforms with  
A. low elevation and low relief.  
B. high elevation and low relief.  
C. high elevation and high relief.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Plateaus are landforms with  
A. low elevation and low relief.  
B. high elevation and low relief.  
C. high elevation and high relief.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The change in elevation in an area is called  
A. relief.  
B. contour.  
C. topography.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The Himalayas and Appalachians are  
A. plains.  
B. plateaus.  
C. mountains.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The height above sea level is also called  
A. relief.  
B. elevation.  
C. topography.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. More than 70 percent of Earth's surface is covered by  
A. plains.  
B. oceans.  
C. plateaus.

**Key Concept Builder** 

**LESSON 3**

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**Key Concept** What are Earth's major landforms, and how do they compare?

**Directions:** Draw a line from each of the common landforms listed below to the correct part of the diagram.

1. mountain      2. valley      3. plateau      4. plain



**Directions:** Landforms are described in terms of their elevation and relief. Write the name of the landform next to its features below.

5. high elevation/low relief \_\_\_\_\_

6. low elevation/low relief \_\_\_\_\_

7. high elevation/high relief \_\_\_\_\_