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to·pog·ra·phy  (tə-pŏg rə-fē)

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n. pl. to·pog·ra·phies

1. Detailed, precise description of a place or region.
2. Graphic representation of the surface features of a place or region on a map, indicating their relative positions and elevations.
3. A description or an analysis of a structured entity, showing the relations among its components: *In the topography of the economy, several depressed areas are revealed.*
4.
 - a. The surface features of a place or region.
 - b. The surface features of an object: *The topography of a crystal.*
5. The surveying of the features of a place or region.
6. The study or description of an anatomical region or part.

top o·graph' (tŏp ə-grăf') *n.*

top'o·graph ic (-grăf ĭk), **top'o·graph i·cal** (-ĭ-kəl) *adj.*

top'o·graph i·cal·ly *adv.*

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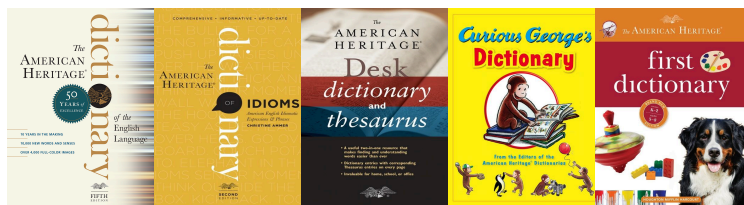
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