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**TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS**  
***Exercise 1: Map Symbols and Colors***

*You will need to supply your own topographic map.*

**Objective:** To be able to interpret different symbols and colors on topographic maps.

**Materials:** USGS 7.5-minute topographic map, scale 1:24,000  
*Topographic Map Symbols* booklet

**Procedure:** Examine your topographic map and identify the features indicated below. Use the *Topographic Map Symbols* booklet as reference.

1. Identify three point symbols represented on the topographic map.

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2. Identify five line symbols.

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3. Identify three area symbols.

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4. Name three uses of pattern.

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5. The use of color on the topo map distinguishes certain kinds of features. Give examples for:

Green: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Brown: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Blue: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Black: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Red: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Purple: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

