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Glossary

An atlas is a collection of maps.

Elevation is the height above sea level.

The lesson is based on a map of Pittsfield, Massachusetts published in an 1867 atlas\*.

The focus of the map is Pittsfield, but the map reveals, also, the names of surrounding towns.

**Locate and identify the following map details:**

* **The town north of Pittsfield**
* **Two towns to the east of Pittsfield**
* **Three towns south of Pittsfield**
* **The town to the west of Pittsfield**

Pittsfield lies in a valley bordered by mountain ranges.

**Locate and identify the following map details:**

* **The mountain range to the west of Pittsfield**
* **The mountain range to the east of Pittsfield**

**Task: Use subtraction to determine how long ago the map was made.**

Although the map is old, geographic features like lakes and mountains have not changed their location.

**Locate and identify the following geographic features:**

* **Onota Lake**
* **Melville Lake**
* **South Mountain**

Trivia Quiz: What sports complex takes advantage of South Mountain’s elevation\* today?