Elevation maps show how high a place is above sea level. For example, a mountain would have a higher elevation than a valley. Elevation is measured in feet or meters. This elevation map shows some of the highest areas of North America, the Rocky Mountains.
**Elevation**

**Across**

3 The elevation of California's Central Valley is _______ than most of the state.
5 An imaginary line called the Continental _______ runs along the Rocky Mountains.
9 The highest elevations are found among which landforms?
10 The Sierra Nevada Mountains are _______ than the Coast Ranges.
12 Elevation can be measured in feet or in _______.
14 The Sierra Nevada Mountains are the highest mountains in which state?
18 More than half of this state is covered with land above 7,000 feet.
20 Another word for a mountain.
21 Most of the Rocky Mountains are _______ 7,000 feet.
22 The western part of this state is mostly above 7,000 feet.
25 This state is home to the explosive Mt. St. Helens.

**Down**

1 The highest mountains on this map are above 14,000 _______.
2 On this state's border with California is the mountain lake called Lake Tahoe.
4 Most of this state is above 1,500 feet.
6 A group of mountains.
7 The climate is _______ at higher elevations.
8 These bodies of water flow from higher elevations to lower elevations.
11 The Snake River runs through this state on its way to Oregon.
12 This state's name makes it sound like it has a lot of mountains.
13 The Imperial _______ in California has very low elevation.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Continental Divide is an imaginary line that runs along the spine of the Rocky Mountains. This line divides the areas where water drains into the Atlantic Ocean from those that drain into the Pacific Ocean. Rain drops that fall on opposite sides of this line eventually end up thousands of miles away from each other.