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**tectonic map**. A map that portrays the architecture of the outer part of the Earth. It is similar to a structure-contour map, which primarily shows dipping strata, folds, faults, and the like, but the tectonic map also presents some indication of the ages and kinds of rocks from which the structures were made, as well as their historical development. Cf: *paleotectonic map*.

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