

EOG Review: Geology and Evolution

- The Earth is 4.6 billion years old.
- List the divisions of the Geologic Time scale from largest to smallest: eon, Era, Period, Epoch
- Ice cores can be taken from Antarctica to show climate data from thousands of years ago.
- An Index Fossil is a fossil of an organism that was common in one time period in multiple areas. These can be used to find the relative age of rock layers and other fossils.
- Original remains are the actual bodies or body parts of once-living things. These can be preserved in ice, amber, or tar.
- Rock fossils form in Sedimentary rock. The four types of rock fossils are trace, mold/cast, petrified, and carbon film.
- According to the Law of Superposition, in a layer of rocks, the bottom layer is the oldest and the top layer is the youngest.
- Igneous rock forms from cooled molten rock. Igneous rock that cuts through layers of rock is always the youngest layer.
- A period of time when a large number of species became extinct is known as a mass extinction.
- The dinosaurs died in the Cretaceous extinction and more than 90% of ocean life died in the Permian extinction.
- The earliest evidence of life comes from the ocean and these organisms were unicellular.
- Radioactive dating ($\frac{1}{2}$ life) can be used to find the absolute age of a fossil.
- What is unconformity? when a set of rock layers have been disturbed so the oldest layer is no longer on top
- What is uniformitarianism? the idea that the Earth is constantly changing and the forces of change at work today were at work in the past.
- What did Alfred Wegner propose and why was this important?
Continental drift - showed the Earth was changing
- What are Darwin's two theories? What evidence did Darwin use to support his theories?
- Evolution + Natural Selection.
- Evidence - ① Fossil Record ② Biogeography ③ Comparative anatomy ④ Comparative embryology ⑤ Genetic evidence.
- What are the 4 processes of natural selection? Define each one.
① Overproduction - organisms have more offspring than will survive.
② Variations - natural differences in traits.
③ Adaptation - variation that helps an organism survive.
④ Selection - when an adaptation becomes more common in a population.
- How are new species formed? What is this called?
Speciation - new species come from existing species - small variations add up over time until it is a whole new species.
- What is the difference between mechanical and chemical weathering?
mechanical = physical change, chemical = chemical change = changing what the substance is.
- How did the formation/breaking apart of Pangaea affect organisms? What about other geological events?
could have caused the Permian extinction. Also, breaking apart of Pangaea would have led to isolation and caused speciation.
- How do the geological features of the Earth affect the ability of organisms to live in different places?
Different species are best suited to different environments - that's why we have so much biodiversity - different species are adapted to different environments
- What are the 4 types of fossils?
① mold/cast ② Petrified ③ trace ④ Carbon film
- List three things that scientists use to figure out what happened in Earth's past and explain how they are used/what they can tell us.
① Fossil Record: what organisms were alive + how they evolved.
② Rock Layers: shows different environments, what species lived where, mass extinctions
③ Ice cores / Tree Rings: shows what the environment was like.
- What are the 3 layers of the Earth? Core, mantle, crust
- Explain the Theory of Plate Tectonics.
Earth's lithosphere (crust + upper mantle) is broken into tectonic plates that move across Earth's surface.
- What is taxonomy? naming + classifying species
- How do we name species? binomial nomenclature: Genus species (Genus species)
- What are the 5 types of evidence for evolution? Explain each one.

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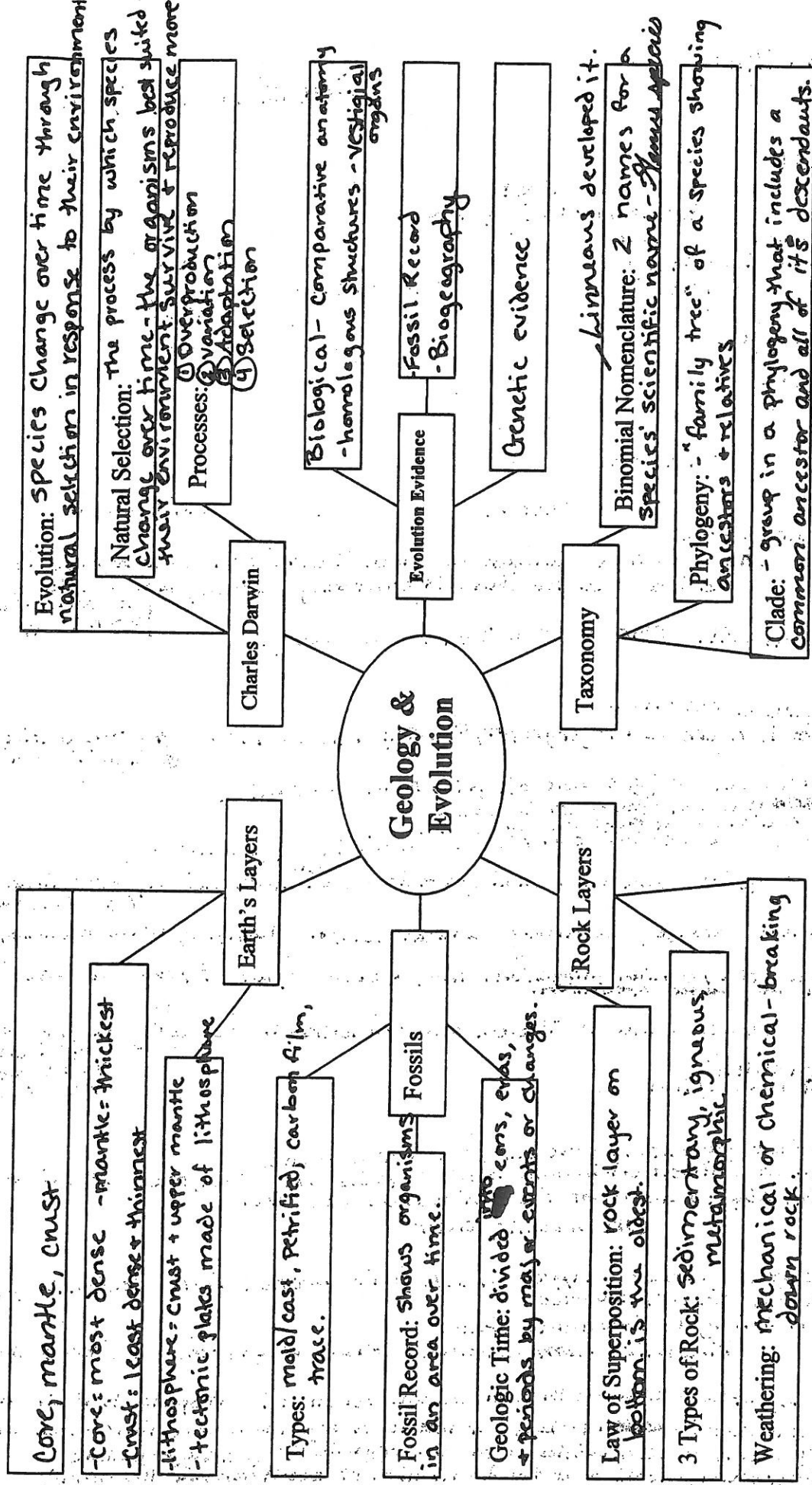
Evidence:

- Fossil record - looking at fossils of organisms over time - look for similar organisms + similarities to modern organisms + living organisms
- Biogeography - looking at the distribution of fossils around the world.
- Comparative anatomy - looking at bodies of organisms + comparing them to
- Comparative embryology - comparing embryos (developing babies) of different organisms
- Genetic evidence - comparing the genes/DNA of organisms.

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Summarize what is shown in this diagram.

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