

Vocabulary: Building Pangaea



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- Continental drift – the theory that the continents are moving very slowly.
 - Alfred Wegener proposed continental drift in 1915.
 - Wegener found evidence that the continents were once joined together in a giant supercontinent he called Pangaea. His theory states that, when Pangaea broke up, the continents slowly drifted to their current positions.
- Fossil – the remains, traces, or imprint of an ancient living thing preserved in rock.
 - Fossils can be bones, shells, impressions, or even footprints.
- Glacier – a large, slowly moving body of snow and ice.
- Ice age – a time when Earth was very cold and large areas were covered by glaciers.
- Landmass – a large, unbroken area of land.
- Pangaea – an ancient supercontinent that scientists believe existed from about 200 to 300 million years ago.
- Supercontinent – a single landmass that includes two or more continents.