**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.