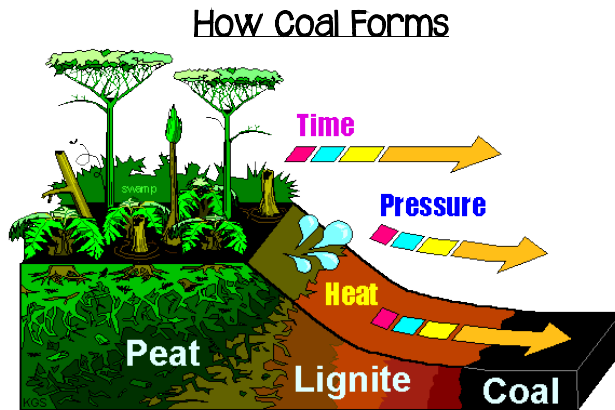


What Are Fossil Fuels?

Diagrams can show the sequence in a process. The diagram below shows how coal is formed.



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| <p>1. Millions of years ago, swamps covered large parts of Earth's land. When swamp plants died, they sank to the bottom.</p> | <p>2. Layers of decayed plants formed a soft material called peat. Over time the peat was buried under mud and sand.</p> | <p>3. The mud and sand turned to rock. Slowly the peat changed into coal.</p> |
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Answer these questions about the stages above.

1. What happened to the swamp plants when they died?

2. What material formed from the layers of decayed plants?

3. Look at the third stage above. How was coal formed?

