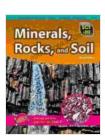
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What is Geology?

Geology is the study of the Earth's materials and structure. Geologists study the rocks, minerals, and fossils that make up the Earth, as well as the processes that have shaped the Earth's surface over time.

Minerals

Minerals are the building blocks of rocks. They are naturally occurring, inorganic solids with a definite chemical composition and a crystalline structure. Minerals can be found in a variety of colors, shapes, and sizes. Some of the most common minerals include quartz, feldspar, and calcite.

Rocks

Rocks are aggregates of one or more minerals. They can be classified into three main types: igneous rocks, sedimentary rocks, and metamorphic rocks.

- Igneous rocks are formed when magma or lava cools and solidifies.
- Sedimentary rocks are formed when sediments (such as sand, silt, and clay) are compacted and cemented together.
- Metamorphic rocks are formed when existing rocks are changed by heat, pressure, or chemical reactions.

Soil

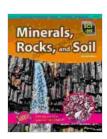
Soil is the loose material that covers the Earth's surface. It is composed of minerals, organic matter, and water. Soil is essential for plant growth, and it also plays a role in the water cycle and the carbon cycle.

The Earth's Surface

The Earth's surface is constantly changing. This is due to a variety of processes, including weathering, erosion, and deposition.

- Weathering is the process of breaking down rocks and minerals into smaller pieces.
- Erosion is the process of transporting weathered materials away from their source.
- Deposition is the process of depositing weathered materials in a new location.

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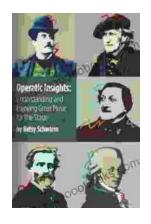
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