

181 Pangaea: The Ancient Continent



Investigate the shape of the continents and the history of Earth.

So if Australia fits into here, and America fits in there, that means this other bit is ... a scrap piece of paper.



Materials

- a photocopy of a map of the world
- large sheet of butcher's paper, the same size as your map
- scissors
- glue

STEPS

1. Cut the seven continents out from your map of the world.
2. Spread the butcher's paper on a table.
3. Take the continents you have cut out and place them on the paper. Play around with the continents and see how you can get them to fit together like the pieces of a jigsaw?
4. When you have found some pieces that match, glue them next to each other on your butcher's paper. Glue the other continents around the outside. Now you have Pangaea.

Did You Know?

Because the continents are shaped the way they are, scientists think that they were once joined as one super-continent. This means that fossils of ancestors of animals that live in only one place today can be found in places all over the world.

I'm going this-a-way.
I'm going to be Africa.

I'm going over here to be America.

I like my weather cold,
I'm going south.

I'm going to keep moving around for a couple of billion years and see where I turn up!

