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understand Earth's geological past and the emergence of life. Drawing on the latest information, he discusses evolution and extinction, the economic uses of fossils, such as oil and coal, as well as offering advice for making a fossil collection.

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