

Soil Geomorphology: Understanding the Dynamic Earth

This presentation explores the intricate relationship between soil and landforms, examining how geological and climatic processes shape our planet's surface. We'll delve into the fascinating world of soil geomorphology, investigating the formation, evolution, and characteristics of soils in different landscapes.

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What is Soil Geomorphology?

Soil

The uppermost layer of Earth's crust, formed from weathered rock and organic matter.

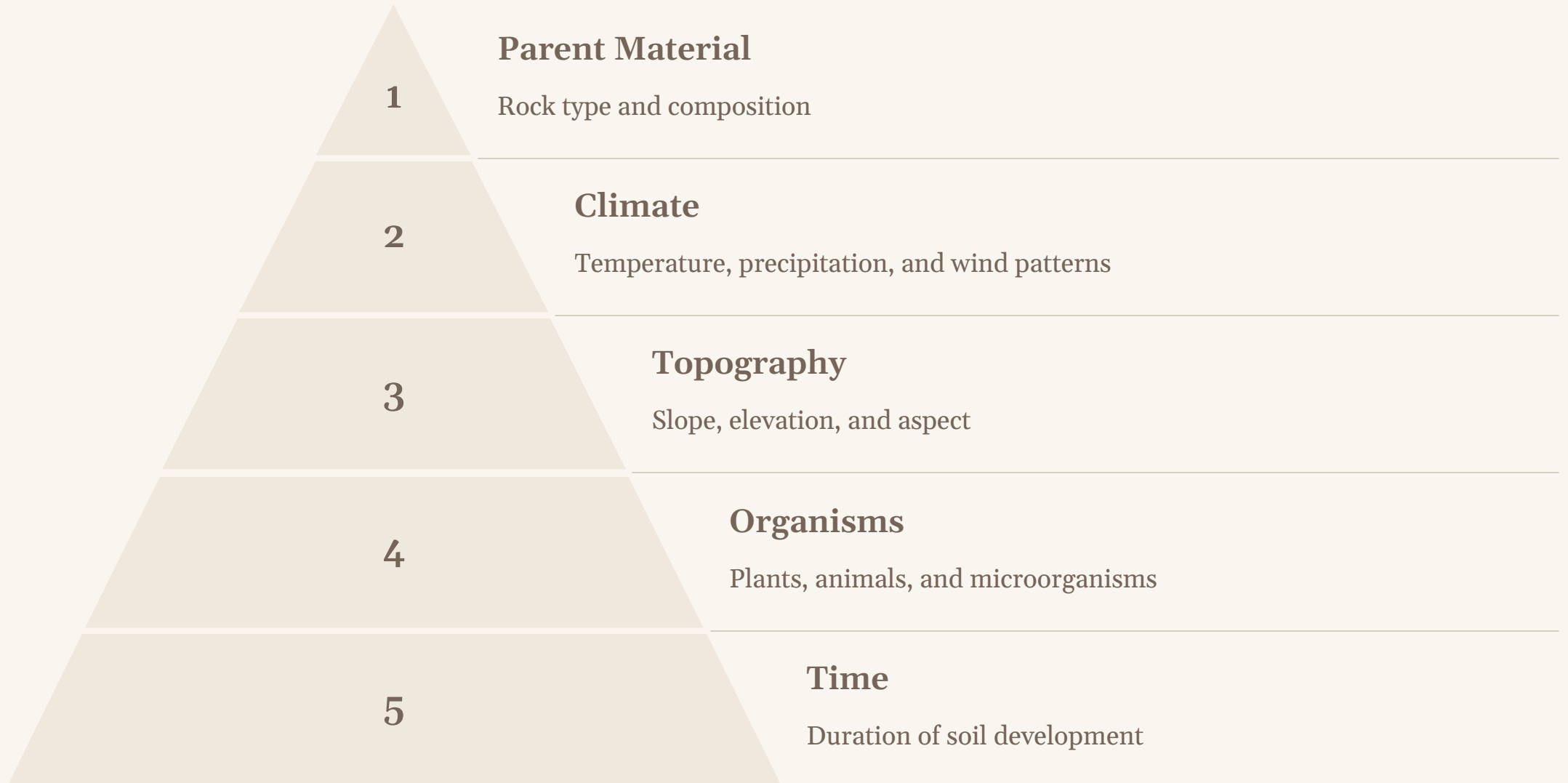
Geomorphology

The study of landforms, their origin, evolution, and distribution.

Soil Geomorphology

The study of the relationships between soil development and landform evolution.

Geological and Climatic Factors Shaping Soil Formation



Soil Profiles and Horizons

O Horizon

Organic matter accumulation

A Horizon

Topsoil, rich in organic matter and minerals

E Horizon

Zone of leaching, where minerals are removed

B Horizon

Subsoil, enriched with minerals and clay

C Horizon

Parent material, partially weathered rock

Weathering Processes and Soil Development

1 — Physical Weathering

2 — Chemical Weathering

3 — Biological Weathering



Erosion and Deposition: Landform Creation

1

Erosion

The removal of soil and rock by wind, water, or ice

2

Deposition

The settling of eroded material in new locations

3

Landforms

The resulting shapes of the Earth's surface



Soil Chronosequences and Landscape Evolution

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Initial Stage

Bare rock or minimal soil

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Early Stage

Thin soil layer, limited organic matter

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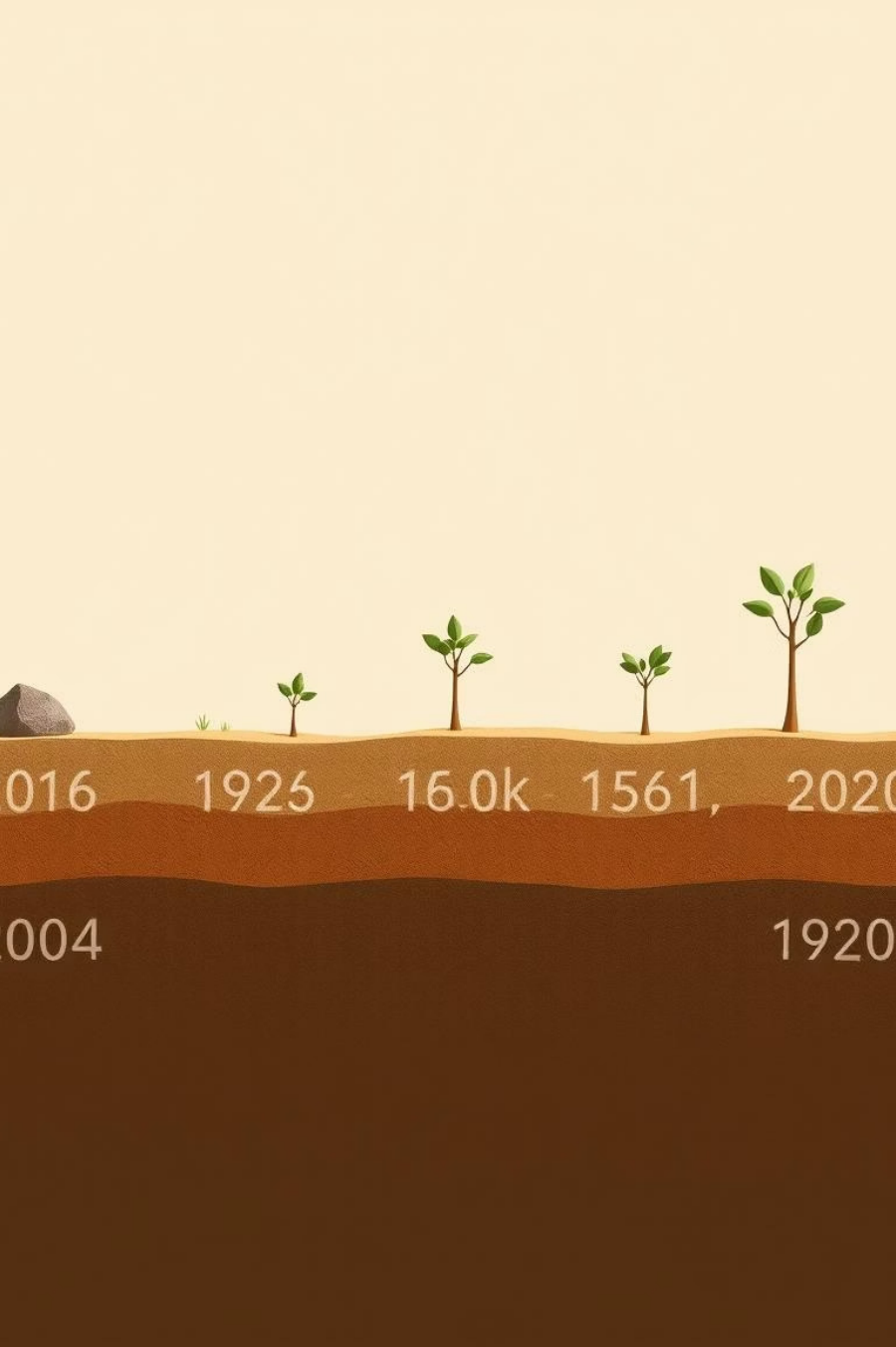
Mature Stage

Well-developed soil profile, rich in organic matter

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Late Stage

Erosion and degradation of soil profile



Applications of Soil Geomorphology



Land Management

Sustainable land use and conservation



Agriculture

Soil fertility and crop production



Geotechnical Engineering

Foundation design and construction



Archaeology

Understanding past environments and civilizations

