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**Introduction to Soils Reading**

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| Introduction  |

1. What two processes create soil?
2. Why must we carefully manage soil if it is a renewable resource?

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| Characteristics of Soil  |

1. What are some examples of inorganic materials in the soil?
2. What does the organic portion of the soil provide?

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| Soil Ecosystem  |

1. What can live in soil?

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| Soil Horizons and Profiles  |

1. Explain the 5 steps of soil development.
2. What is a soil profile?
3. What are the three simplest soil horizons?
4. Where does most biological activity occur?
5. Where is most clay found?
6. Where are rock pieces found?