**Weathering and Erosion**

Agents of Erosion-

* Ice
	+ Glaciers create u-shaped valleys
	+ Leave behind unsorted sediments
	+ Cause striations
	+ Leave behind features as moraines, kettle lakes, drumlins
* Water
	+ Create v shaped valleys
	+ Leave behind sorted, rounded sediments
	+ Form features like meanders, deltas, floodplains, oxbow lakes
	+ Oceans-longshore drift
	+ Longshore currents, waves, tides
* Wind
	+ Occurs mainly in areas of little vegetation b/c roots hold soil
	+ Created sand dunes
* Gravity
	+ Landslides aka mass wasting or mass movement-gravity>friction keeping sediments in place
	+ Talus-sediments found at base of a landslide
	+ Different types of mass wasting, by speed and conditions
		- The creep-slight, slow movement of soil
		- Slump-slow movement, large chunks of beadrock slide down
		- Debris flow-rapid downslope flow of debris
		- Mud flow- downward flow of fine particles and larcge amounts of water
		- Avalanche-faster than flow, dealing with ice or snow
		- Rock fall- rapid falling by sleep cliff

How Does Soil Form?

* soil=loose mixture of rock fragments, organic matter, water, and air
1. soil begins when bedrock is weathered
2. organisms live among the weathered pieces → organic waste

How is Soil Biotic?

* Living things break down the remains, makes humus-needed by plants to grow
* Worms etc loosen material for water and air drainage

What is a soil horizon?



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What are some Soil Characteristics?

* Soil Texture, sand-silt-clay (Largest-smallest)
* Color-depends on what minerals or organic matter is present
* Soil pH-measure of acidity of the soil
* Pore space-spaces between soil particles, water and air are found in the pores
* Soil fertility- how well a soil can support plant growth