

Chapter 6
Lesson 3
Fossils and Energy

1. **Fossil** - any remains or imprints of living things from the past
2. **Fossil fuel** - a fuel formed from the decay of ancient organisms and is used today as a source of energy
3. **Relative age** - the age of one rock or fossil when compared to another
4. **Absolute age** - a rock or fossil's age in years
5. **Era** - long stretches of time used to measure Earth's geological history
6. **Nonrenewable resource** - a resource that can not be replaced within a short period of time or at all
7. **Renewable resource** - a resource that can be replanted or replaced naturally in a short period of time
8. **Alternative energy source** - any source of energy other than the burning of fossil fuels