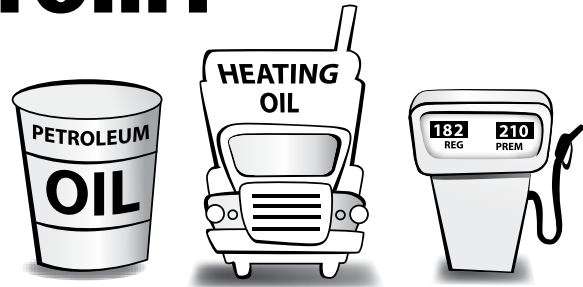


Where Does Oil Come From?

Oil is an important energy resource used by humans. Several friends were arguing about where this energy resource came from. This is what they said:



Julie: “It came mostly from fossil remains of giant ferns and trees that lived millions of years ago.”

Ross: “It came mostly from inside ancient rocks that melted inside the Earth millions of years ago.”

Delores: “It came mostly from shallow ocean water that changed into oil after millions of years.”

Edie: “It came mostly from a gooey liquid that was inside ancient volcanoes millions of years ago.”

Nathan: “It came mostly from the remains of dinosaurs that decayed millions of years ago.”

Seth: “It came mostly from microscopic and other ocean organisms millions of years ago.”

Justine: “It came mostly from ancient mud, sand, and soil that eventually turned to liquid inside the Earth millions of years ago.”

Malia: “It came mostly from gasoline that was trapped inside the Earth’s crust for millions of years.”

Cecelia: “It came mostly from the rotting blubber of ancient whales that lived millions of years ago.”

Check off the name of the person you most agree with. Explain your thinking. Describe where you think oil came from and how it was formed.