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planet and what caused significant changes in their evolution a fossil refers to any remains or traces of past life that are preserved in the rock record fossils include the organisms remains such as plant or animal tissues shells teeth or bones and even bacteria but can also include traces of life such as foot prints or worm burrows fossil evidence fossils are direct evidence of life in the search for the earliest life fossils are often supplemented by geochemical evidence the fossil record does not extend as far back as the geochemical record due to metamorphic processes that erase fossils from geologic units the fossil

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