

Chapter 11

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STUDY GUIDE

● Before Pangaea, Rodinia

Complete each statement from your textbook on the lines provided.

1. Edges of some continents look as if they would _____ .
2. People wondered if these continents had been _____ .
3. In 1915, Alfred Wegener proposed an idea called _____ .
4. This idea states that continents moved through the _____ .
5. Wegener thought that long ago the continents formed _____ .
6. He named it Pangaea, which means _____ .
7. Wegener's idea was rejected. The idea was so different that _____
_____ .
8. Today Wegener's ideas about continental drift are _____ .
9. Today some people still have trouble _____ .
10. One new idea that is still being debated explains _____ .
11. Walter and Luis Alvarez think that a large rocky object _____ .
12. This collision threw _____ .
13. The dust blocked the _____ .
14. This caused _____ .

Answer the questions on the lines provided.

15. Explain how Pangaea fits into Wegener's theory of continental drift. _____

16. State one reason why Wegener's ideas about continental drift were not believed.

