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Natural Systems Vocabulary

Term	What I THINK this word means	What I KNOW this word means
Natural Resources		Naturally occurring items that can be used by people
Renewable		Can be replaced by nature at a rate close to the rate at which they are used
Non-renewable		Fixed amount renewed very slowly or not at all
Mineral		Naturally occurring, inorganic, crystalline structure, solid
Geological Processes		Changes on or under Earth's surface
Fossil Fuel		Fuel formed from the remains of living organisms
Climate		Long-term weather patterns in a specific area
Global Warming		Increase in Earth's average atmospheric temperature
Natural Hazard		Threat of naturally occurring event that will have negative effect on humans
Catastrophic Event		Very harmful or disastrous