

Plate Tectonics

Solar Input

Biological Activity

Climate distribution, Atmosphere and Ocean Circulation, Accommodation Change, Global Sea Level, Evolution of Landscapes and Bathymetry

Organic-Matter Production

= f(Nutrient Supply, Sunlight, Water Supply)

Organic-Matter Destruction

= f(Oxidant Supply Rate, Consumers, Burial Rate)

Dilution of Organic Matter

= f(Supply of Clastic, Biogenic, & Chemical Sediments)

Organic-Matter-Rich Rock