



Key Factors

- Pangaea, broadly distributed about equator, begins to break up
- Numerous rift basins: Atlantic-Tethys, Indian-Africa, Australia-Americas
- Sea level rises to Jurassic high in Kimmeridgian, flooding of broad epicontinental sea to Doreals
- Broad shallow sea the Tethyan ocean and eastern Pacific
- Western Tethys opens circum-equatorial seaway
- Relatively warm global climate, minor high latitude ice formation only in the late-middle Jurassic
- Northern hemisphere climate belts dominated by arid conditions, intermittent oceanic conditions possible, depending on expanse of epicontinental sea. Southern hemisphere climate belts likely to be influenced by oceanic.
- Tethyan ocean provides potential source of warm, low oxygen deep-seas.

Representative organic-matter-rich rocks:

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| Formation | Location | Oil/Gas |
| 1. Lias Fm | East Asia | Slope/Basin (shale) |
| 2. Bentzen Shale | Malta/Greece, Yemen | Constructional shelf margin |
| 3. Kimmeridgian Fm | West Siberia | Constructional shelf margin |
| 4. Kingsley Shale | North Sea | Constructional shelf margin |
| 5. Niobrara Fm | Calville, Alaska, U.S.A. | Constructional shelf margin |
| 6. Swathmore Fm | North Sea | Constructional shelf margin |
| 7. Spring Hill Fm | Gulf of Mexico, U.S.A. | Constructional shelf margin |
| 8. Yaca Miliaria Fm | Mahina, Argentina | Constructional shelf margin |
| 9. Hariti Fm | Naples, Argentina | Constructional shelf margin |
| 10. Bithell Fm | Arctic Platform | Platform/marginal |
| | Dromana, Australia | Laurasian, overlain to Miss |

Map Legend

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| Highlands | Deposition |
| Lakes | Phosphates |
| Land | Coal |
| Shallow, Cretaceous | Subduction Zone |
| Shallow, Undifferentiated | Spreading Ridge |
| Ocean Basin | Plate Boundary |
| Hot Spot | |