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## Earth Layers & Plate Tectonics

"Hotter Than the Earth's Core"

## **INTRO**

Hey yo, you ever thought about what's beneath the Earth's surface? Wouldn't it be crazy if we could dig a hole straight through? Well I hate to break it to you, but you can't. In reality, even the deepest holes we dig are just barely scratching the surface of the Earth. But what we can do is study the layers of the Earth and talk about plate tectonics. You with me?

The Earth is made of rock, but it's not that simple,		
There's four to it, the inner core's in the middle.		
It's made mostly of, you gotta love it,		
Very hot, yet solid due to the layers above it.		
They cause pressure, keep it real solid,		
Next up, the outer core's what I call it.		
Less, but real hot, so it's liquid,		
Free flowing metal, is this picture vivid?		
There's currents in the rock,		
After the core's the mantle, it don't stop.		
It's mostly solid with two parts, listen here,		
The and the		
The asthenosphere's a very thin layer, can you dig it? Nope!		
Very hot and nearly, but not quite, a liquid.		
That's a key fact, let me tell you why homie,		
It lets the Earth's top layers move above slowly.		
See the crust is the very top layer,		
It's part of the, better care 'cause,		
It's broken into huge rocks called,		
They can shift and affect the Earth in big ways.		
Follow me, you're about to learn about the Earth more,		
From the only rapper hotter than the Earth's		
Inner core, outer core, mantle and the,		
With their tectonic plates, everybody listen up. (x2)		
Now that you understand the basics, let's face it,		
And talk about what happens when the plates shift.		
See beginning around 1600,		
noticed something crazy and wondered—		
Did continents from all sides of the planet		
Used to fit all together like a puzzle?		

Understand it was a theory, so they studied	I their rocks and their fossils,	
And said there was a supercontinent that v	vas colossal.	
Called, one big land	d mass,	
Where the continents were grouped all tog		
Then tectonic plates caused		
It means the continents moved when the E	arth's crust shifted.	
See these plate movements cause land for	nations,	
And ocean floor features on Earth, it's ama	zing.	
Today they still move, pushing up against e	ach other,	
Like a kid and big brother in the car on vac	ation.	
The borders between plates are known as .	,	
Where earthquake cause shakes, and I don	't mean malts.	
Scientists use a	to record the magnitude,	
It means size but I call it earthquake attituc	e.	
Movement at the fault? I should say so,		
Also causes deep	and	
Come to LA, I got a place you can stay,		
Just don't let the earthquakes scare you av	<i>r</i> ay.	
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