**Guided Notes: Climate Systems**



Earth's climate is formed through complex interactions between multiple \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ systems, which exchange \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Key Concepts:**

• The major spheres of Earth include:

 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: layers of gases surrounding Earth

 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: all living things on Earth and in the atmosphere

 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: rock and soil that make up the solid part of Earth

 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: all water on and around Earth

• Short-term climate changes can be caused by:

 - Large \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ eruptions

 - Changes in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ currents (e.g., El Niño)

 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-year solar output cycles

• Long-term climate changes can result from:

 - Movement of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ plates

 - Changes in Earth's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Milankovitch cycles)

 a) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: measure of how elliptical an orbit is

 b) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: tilt of Earth's axis

 c) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: rotation of Earth's axis

• Current rapid climate change is mainly caused by:

 - Burning of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 - Release of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into the atmosphere

**Real World Examples:**

1. Volcanic eruptions: Release gases and dust into the atmosphere, reflecting sunlight and cooling Earth.

2. Antarctica's climate change: Movement towards the south pole caused a decrease in temperature, leading to the formation of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sheets.

**Word Bank:**

Earth

energy

matter

atmosphere

biosphere

geosphere

hydrosphere

volcanic

ocean

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tectonic

orbit

eccentricity

obliquity

precession

fossil fuels

carbon dioxide

ice