



Appendix A

The 5 Soil Forming Factors:

1. Parent materials from which the soil formed
2. The position on the landscape where the soil is found (or the topography of the site)
3. The types of plants and animals that live in the soil
4. The climate for the area where the soil formed
5. The amount of time that the other four factors have been interacting

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