

Drainage Basin: A system of rivers and streams that drains an area like the Colorado Plateau

Erosion: Involves two processes:

Weathering (the wearing away of earth materials by water, wind, or ice) and transport (the movement of earth materials to new location by water, wind or ice)

Landforms: A shape or feature of earth's surface, like a delta or canyon

Canyon: A V-shaped valley eroded by river or stream

Delta: A fan-shaped (triangular) deposit of earth materials at a mouth of a stream

Plateau: A large, nearly level area that has been lifted above the surrounding area.

Deposition: The process by which eroded earth materials settle out in another place

Sediments: Eroded earth materials that have been deposited

Channel: The course or path the water takes in a stream or river

Meander: A curve or loop in a channel