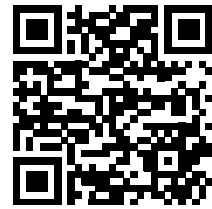


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# Mountains and Their Influence in Physical Geography



Mountains, the majestic \_\_\_\_\_ that tower above the surrounding land, play a crucial role in shaping the \_\_\_\_\_ surface. They are formed through the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth's tectonic plates, either by pushing together and forcing the ground upwards or by volcanic \_\_\_\_\_. These high elevations affect the climate by blocking the path of \_\_\_\_\_ systems, causing precipitation to fall on the windward side, leading to lush \_\_\_\_\_, while the leeward side often remains dry, creating \_\_\_\_\_ shadows. Mountains are also crucial for \_\_\_\_\_, as they provide a range of habitats from their base to their summit. The temperature and \_\_\_\_\_ change with elevation, supporting diverse species adapted to specific climates. Furthermore, mountains are the source of major \_\_\_\_\_ that supply fresh water to billions of people worldwide. The melting \_\_\_\_\_ and ice from their peaks feed rivers throughout the \_\_\_\_\_, ensuring a continuous flow even during dry periods. This water is essential for drinking, agriculture, and \_\_\_\_\_. Moreover, mountains attract millions of \_\_\_\_\_ annually, who come for the scenic views, hiking, skiing, and to experience the unique cultures of mountain communities. Their beauty and the challenges they pose have inspired countless \_\_\_\_\_, writers, and filmmakers. In addition, mountains play a significant role in \_\_\_\_\_ and religion for many societies, often considered sacred \_\_\_\_\_. However, life in mountainous regions can be harsh due to difficult terrain, \_\_\_\_\_, and extreme weather, which influences the way communities adapt and live.

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