

**Extension ideas**  
**What is the geological history?**

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This idea is based on the game 'pick-up sticks'. I think that for some people it may be easier not to consider the cross-section as a sequence of increasing depth but as a pile lying on its side (which is sort of how I picture them). The youngest is the component lying on the top obscuring the other components below, similar to pick-up sticks, if you then 'remove' that component you can then see what the next piece lying at the 'surface' is.