



When Did Fossil  
Fuels Form?

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Most of our coal deposits were formed during the Carboniferous Period 360 million to 290 million years ago. Lesser amounts of coal continued to be formed after this time, mostly during the Permian and Mesozoic Periods.

## COAL



VIII.—Ideal View of a Marshy Forest of the Coal Period.

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Most of our oil deposits were formed in the Mesozoic Era about 252 million to 66 million years ago. (This was the age of the dinosaurs.) But some deposits were formed in the Cenozoic Era and the Paleozoic Era.

## OIL



