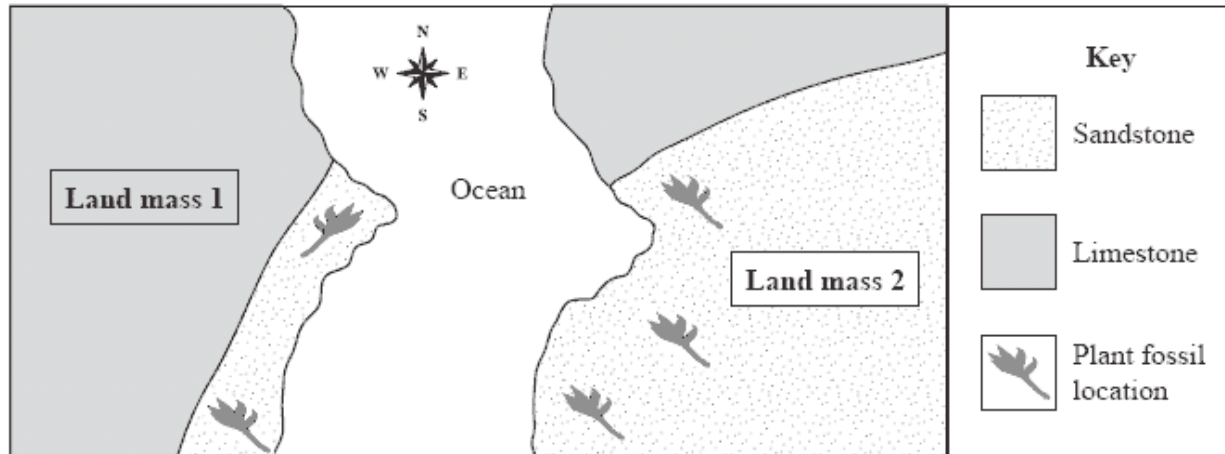


## Common Writing Assignment: Science

### Were these land masses ever connected?



Were these two land masses ever part of one connected, larger land mass? Use evidence from the drawing and from class activities to construct an explanation for what might have happened over time. Use evidence to support your claim and explain your reasoning.

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### Don't Forget to...

Plan your writing using an outline, web or graphic organizer. As you write each draft of your assignment, it's important to use what you know as a writer to communicate your ideas effectively.

- ✓ Provide a clear claim that answers the question.
- ✓ Include evidence -- using data from class activities, experiments and other resources.
- ✓ Include reasoning to show how your evidence supports your claim.
- ✓ Use vocabulary that you have learned in science class.
- ✓ Check for grammar, punctuation, and spelling errors.