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Can One Tiny Atom Help Us Unlock the Secrets of Earth's History?

Short Answer

1. What happens to radioactive atoms over time?

2. Why is carbon-14 only used for things up to about 50,000 years old?

3. What are two other atoms used to date older things?

4. How has radiometric dating helped scientists?

5. Why is it important not to mix up the samples?

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