

Visit the City of Volcanology
with



Ti'Krator

INDEX

General map of the City of Volcanology.....	2
Regulations.....	4-5
Route through the museum.....	6-18
Crossword.....	20-21
Game answers.....	22

Central pull-out pages :

Museographic plan
Cut-out your own volcano



GENERAL MAP SITE





Hi, my name's **Ti'Krator !**
Welcome to
**the City of
Volcanology !**

In your guide you'll find:

- a map of the City of Volcanology
- information about the different areas
- and lots of fun games too!



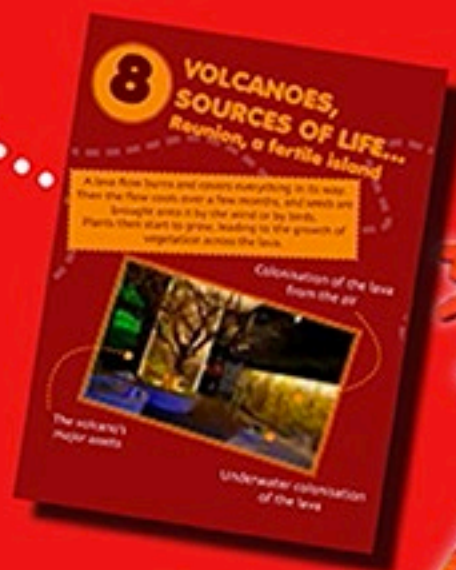
Follow the colours and numbers for each building shown on the pull-out map in the centre pages of your guide, and learn all about them as you read.



Be careful, the screens
and exhibition panels are fragile!
Please don't lean on them when writing!
There are benches you can use in
the different rooms.



To help you during your
visit, why not use the pull-
put map which can be
found in the centre pages
of your guide.



**Are you ready?
Let's start the visit !**



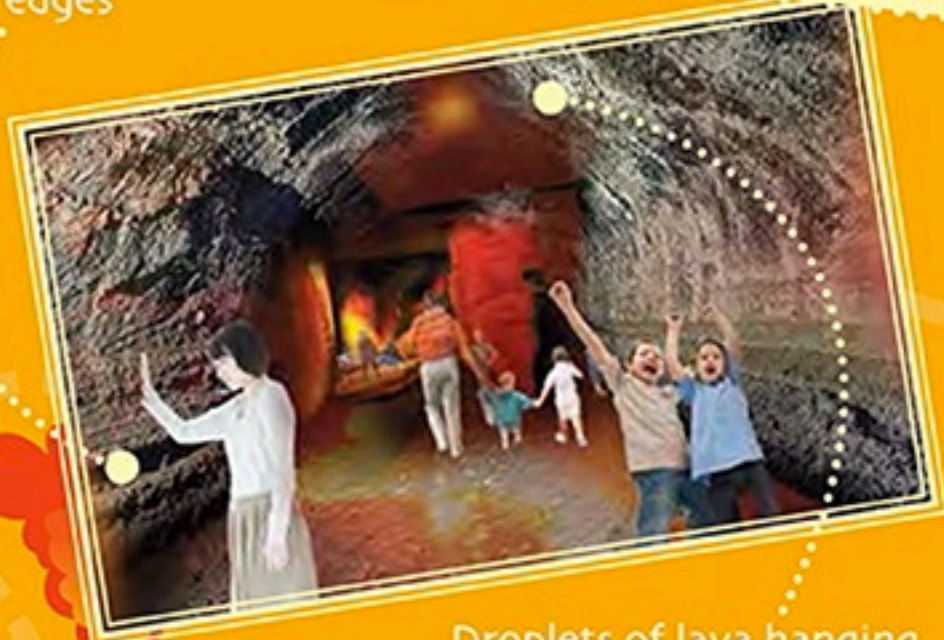
1

THE LAVA
TUNNEL

??

Lava is high-temperature molten rock which flows down the slopes of Piton de la Fournaise when it erupts. When a lava flow cools, it solidifies and turns to rock.

Lava edges

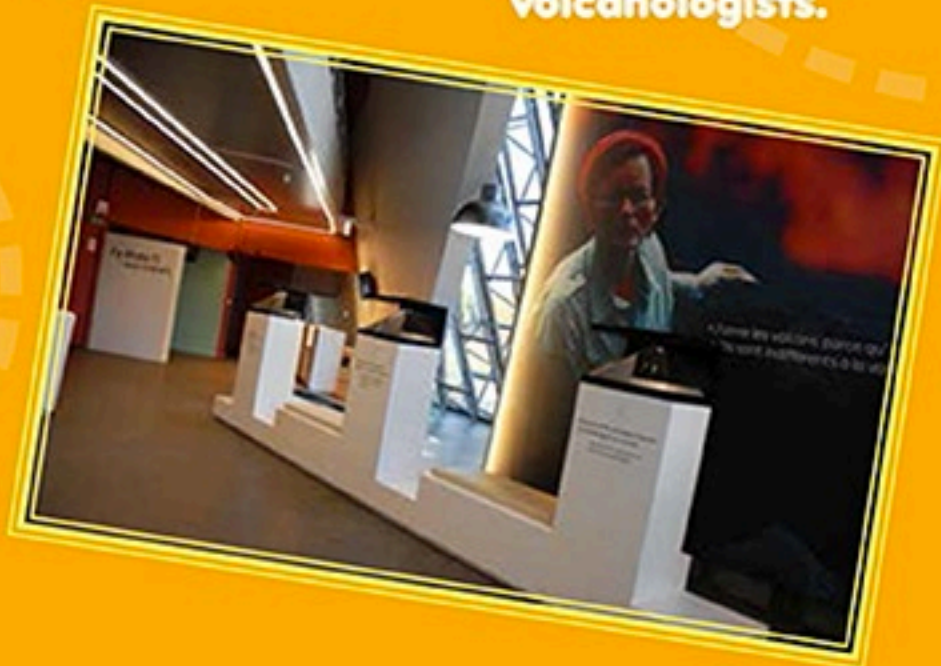


Droplets of lava hanging from the roof of a tunnel (**stalactites**)

2

THE HALL

Scientists who study volcanoes are called **volcanologists**.



Maurice and Katia Krafft were the two volcanologists who first had the idea to create the City of Volcanology.



3

THE PANORAMIC FILM

A **volcano** is an opening in the ground through which magma reaches the surface. There are volcanoes on Earth, but also on other rocky planets across the Solar System: Mercury, Venus and Mars.



Come and check out this great film about the history of the Solar System!



4

WALKING ON A VOLCANO
Earth, a living planet

In this room you will learn all about **extra-terrestrial volcanoes and the earth's structure**, as well as **the different types of eruption**.



Complete this diagram with the following labels :

lava flow / volcanic pipe (or dyke)
 eruptive fissure / magma chamber
 lava fountain / volcanic cone

5

FLows, FOUNTAINS, VOLCANIC BOMBS...

Reunion, a volcanic island

When a volcano erupts it ejects lava which varies in size : very fine **ash**, **lapilli**, and **volcanic bombs**. Some bombs are even bigger than cars! These bombs sometimes have funny names, such as 'cowpat', 'bread-crust' and 'cauliflower'...

The formation of
Reunion Island



Volcanic rocks

6

LIVING ON A VOLCANIC ISLAND

Reunion, an island which is
constantly evolving

It is sometimes dangerous living on a volcano as the eruptions can cause a lot of damage. Landslides or rockfalls can destroy whole villages.

**Gravity-related
risks :**
landslides and
rockfalls



Volcano-related risks :
lava flows and ejection, etc.

7

UNDERWATER VOLCANISM

The submersible

When lava reaches the sea, it cools very quickly and settles in cushion-shaped forms called '**pillow lavas**'. A few weeks after the end of the eruption, small animals and sea plants start to colonize the lava.



The submersible will take you down to discover the underwater slopes of Piton de la Fournaise!

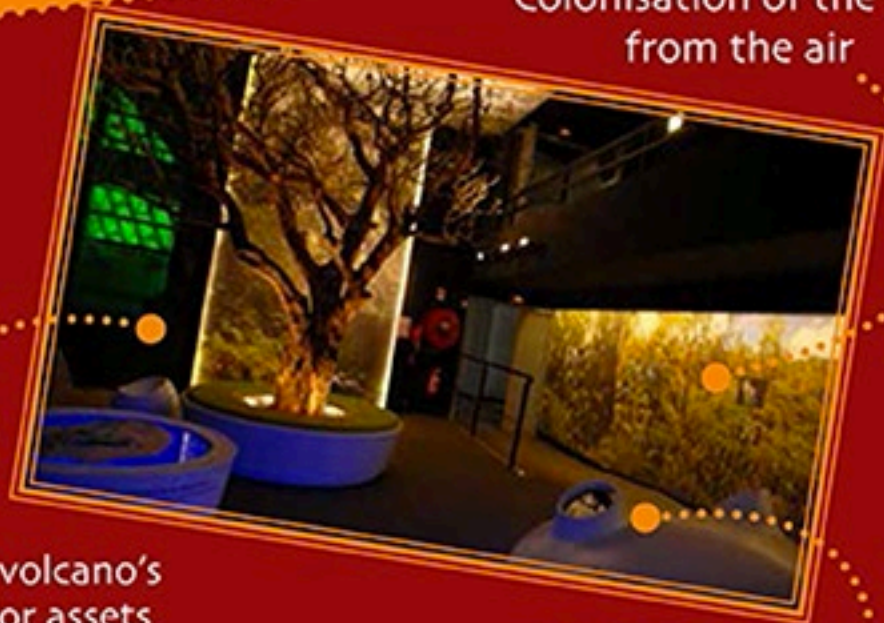
8

VOLCANOES, SOURCES OF LIFE...

Reunion, a fertile island

A lava flow burns and covers everything in its way. Then the flow cools over a few months, and seeds are brought onto it by the wind or by birds. Plants then start to grow, leading to the growth of vegetation across the lava.

Colonisation of the lava from the air



The volcano's major assets

Underwater colonisation of the lava

9

THE TREASURE TROVE

Stone museum

For the volcanoes in Reunion, the cooling lava has formed very different types of **rock**: they are not the same colour and don't contain the same crystals. Crystals that can be found all over the world also have varying shapes and colours.

Different types of volcanic rock

Rocks of different origins and composition



Crystals around the world

10

PITON DE LA FOURNAISE

At the heart of myths and legends

For a long time, man feared eruptions, as they did not know how to explain these phenomena. Using rituals, they tried to protect themselves from lava and falling ash.

Myths and legends in Reunion



Myths and legends around the world

11

A HISTORY OF PITON DE LA FOURNAISE ERUPTIONS

Several centuries ago, sailors were the first to observe the eruptions of Piton de la Fournaise. Since then, man has continued to explore the island and the volcano to try to understand its formation and activity.

The earliest depictions of the Volcano



Guides and porters: vital assistance for climbing the volcano.



A history of Piton de la Fournaise eruptions

12

THE VOLCANOLOGICAL OBSERVATORY

Thanks to monitors installed all over the volcano, volcanologists are able to predict eruptions!



Monitoring instruments

The objectives of the Observatory

Visit our 4D CINEMA !

UNIQUE
IN
REUNION !

Come and check out this innovative technology located in the City of Volcanology's outdoor zone, the only one of its kind in Reunion!



Explore the heart of the volcano with Ti'Bul !

A dynamic 4D film
which will blow your mind!



Smartphone game !



"The Road to the Volcano"
Available on Android
and AppleStore



The nasty witch Gran Mer Kal is back, and has cast a spell on the island's tenrecs, hawks and spiders. Ti'Krator has to thwart her wicked plans... A perilous adventure awaits him in the mysterious corners of Plaine des sables, in caves full of crystals and tunnels of lava!

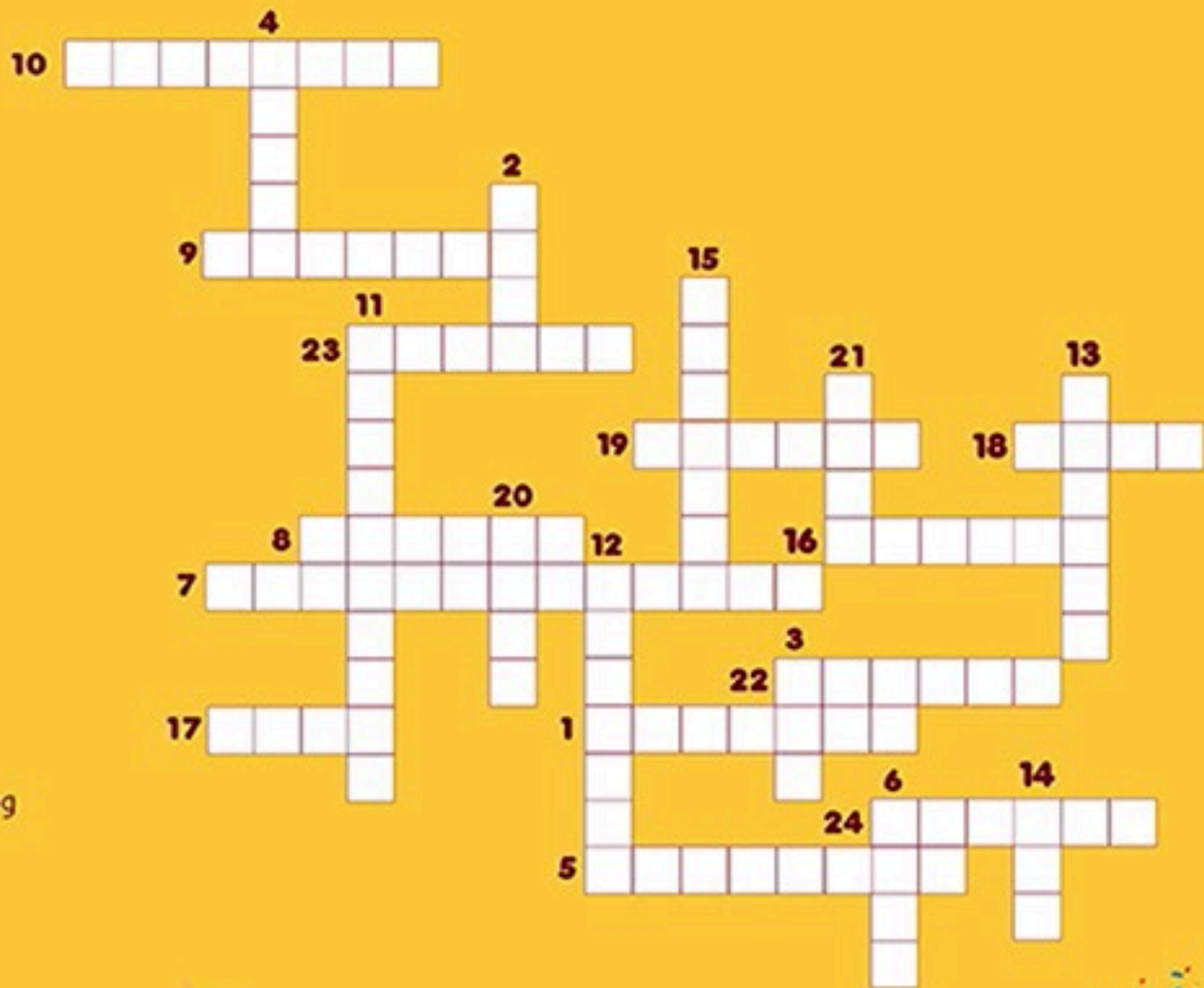




LET'S PLAY ! Crossword

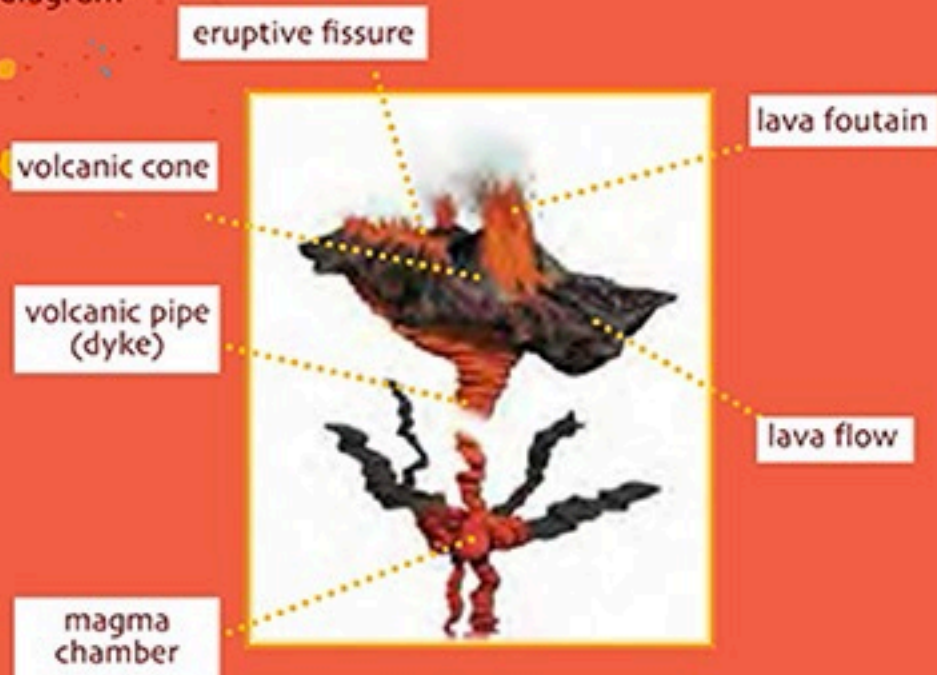
Read the clues and complete the crossword !

1. Place on the earth's surface where the magma comes out.
2. Molten rock which flows down the slopes of an erupting volcano.
3. This transports molten rock to the surface.
4. A mixture of molten rock and gas formed deep within the earth.
5. When a volcano ejects lava.
6. A pile of scoria projected by the volcano.
7. A scientist who studies volcanoes.
8. Underground vibration. Because of this, scientists know that an eruption is coming.
9. Massive crater formed by the collapse of a volcano.
10. The name of Piton de la Fournaise's largest crater.
11. Former Governor of the island who gave his name to the viewpoint overlooking Enclos Fouqué.
12. Small green crystals in basalt volcanic rocks.
13. A fountain of hot water and steam located near a volcano.
14. Projections of very fine lava which make the soil very fertile.
15. Lava projections the size of grapes.
16. The natural barrier surrounding the summit of Piton de la Fournaise.
17. Large projections of lava, sometimes in the shape of a crust of bread or a cowpat.
18. A plant with long green leaves growing on lava flows. One variety is called 'fanjan.'
19. A plant of whitish colour which forms on lava flows at the beginning of plant colonization.
20. This plant is very soft to the touch, and one of the first to grow on a lava flow after an eruption.
21. The Polynesian goddess of fire and volcanoes.
22. This is the local name of a lava flow with a rough surface.
23. A dark grey rock which is formed when lava from Piton de la Fournaise cools.
24. One of the three cirques carved out by erosion from the heart of Piton des Neiges.



Game answers

page 6 : diagram



pages 20-21 : Crossword

1 : VOLCANO ; 2 : LAVA ; 3 : GAS ; 4 : MAGMA ; 5 : ERUPTION ; 6 : CONE ;
7 : VOLCANOLOGIST ; 8 : SEISME ; 9 : CALDERA ; 10 : DOLOMIEU ; 11 : BELLECOMBE ;
12 : OLIVINE ; 13 : GEYSER ; 14 : ASH ; 15 : LAPILLI ; 16 : ENCLOS ; 17 : BOMB ;
18 : FERN ; 19 : LICHEN ; 20 : MOSS ; 21 : PELE ; 22 : GRATON ; 23 : BASALT ;
24 : CILAOS.



Feel free to visit the third floor
and the outside areas !

See you soon
at the City of Volcanology !



LET'S VISIT THE CITY
OF VOLCANOLOGY!
FOLLOW ME!

LEVEL 2

LEVEL 1

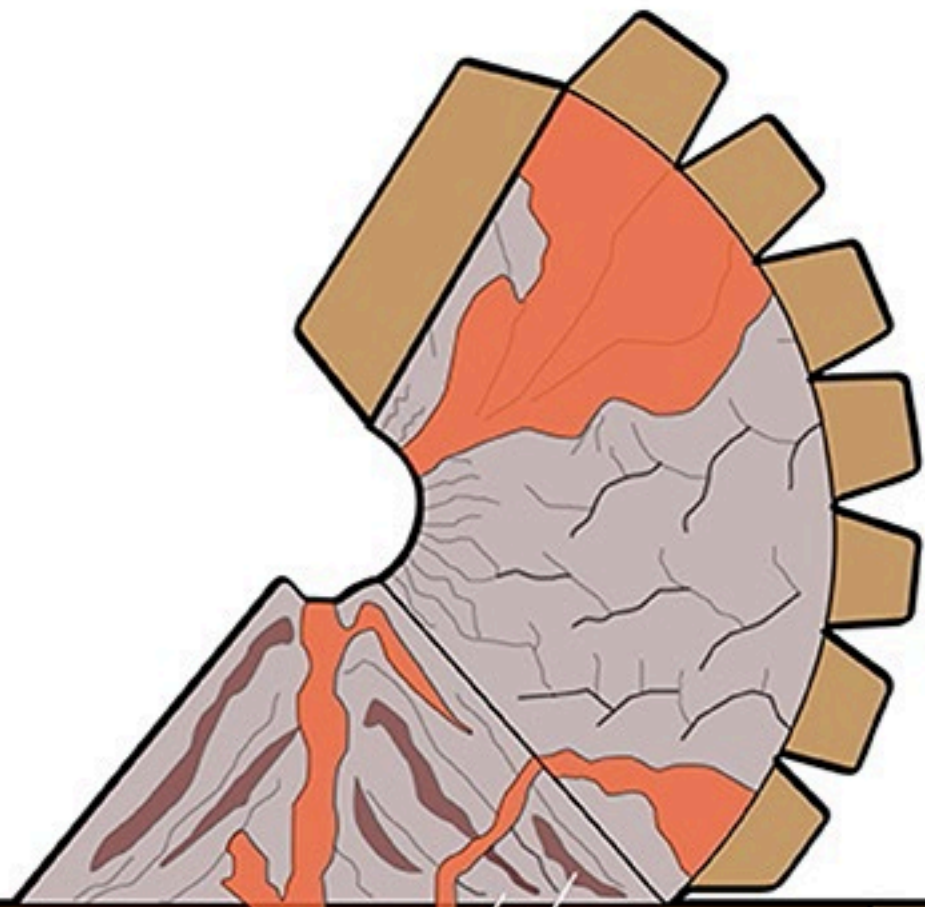
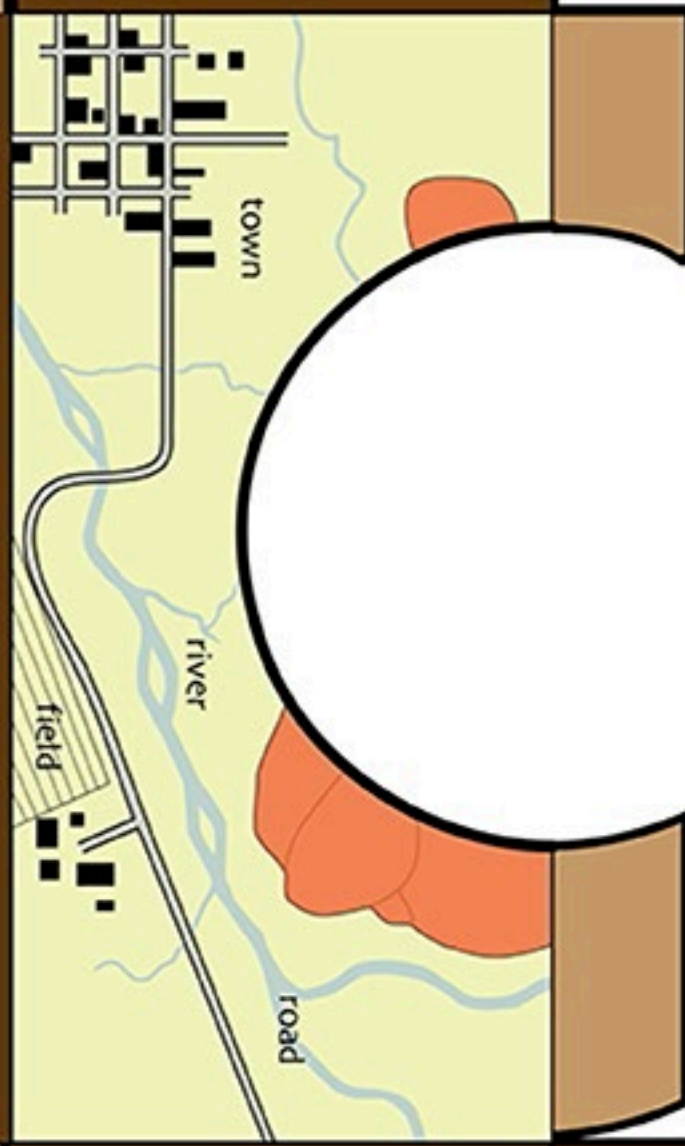
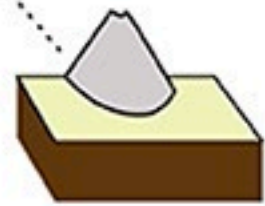




From the US Geological
Survey Open-File Report
91-115 Alpha and Gordon

— cut out
■ glue

your finished volcano



Stratovolcano

Stratovolcanoes are formed following alternating lava flows and ash plumes.

lava flows
ash plumes
volcanic pipe

**Cut out, fold and glue
your own volcano !**



La Cité du Volcan

Volcano Museum



RN3 Bourg Murat
97418 Plaine des Cafres



www.museesreunion.re



02.62.59.00.26



Réunion des
Musées
Régionaux