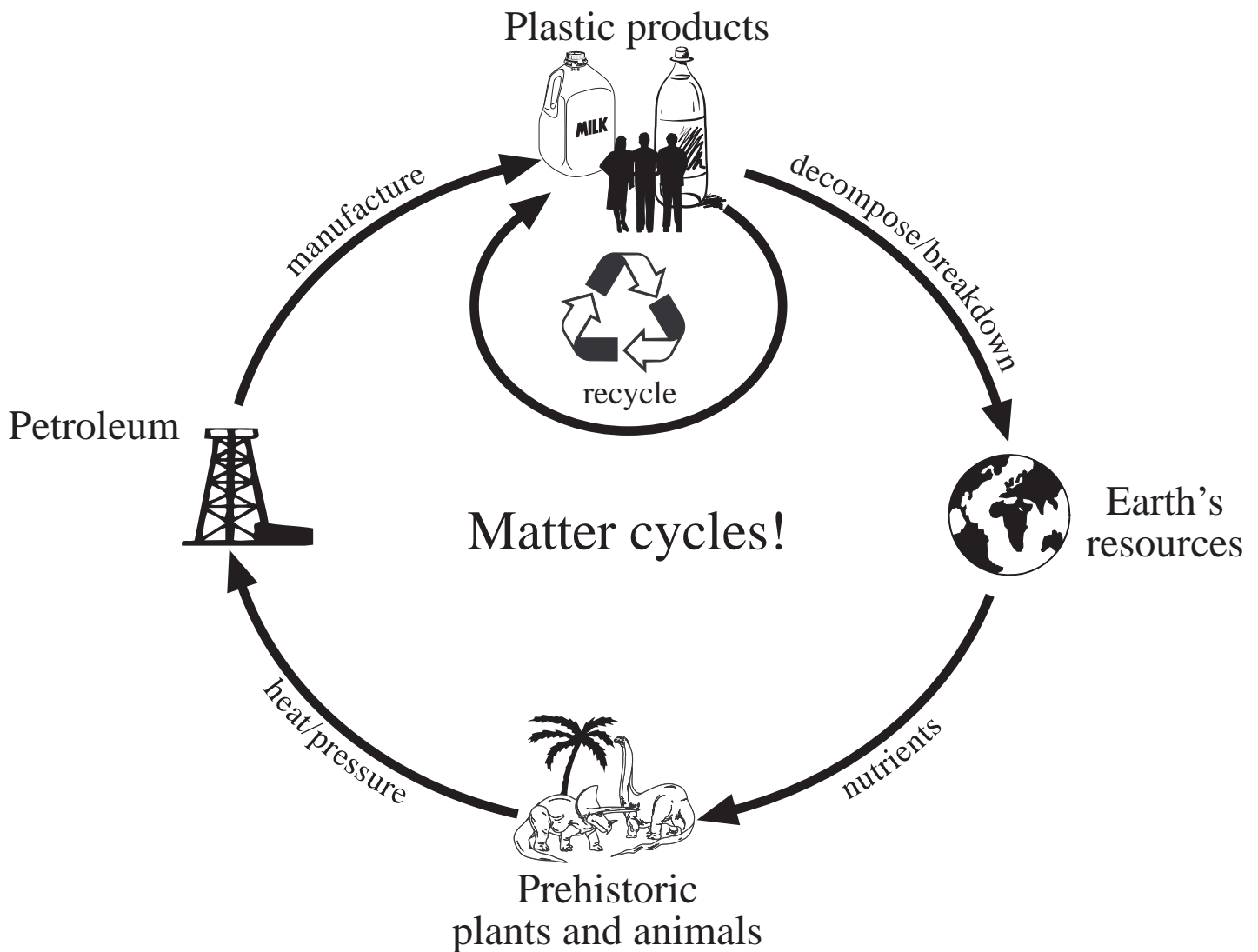




What Is Natural? Plastic Matter Cycle



Explanation: The earth's resources (soil, air, water) provide the nutrients for plant growth. Plants provide energy for animals. Over time plants and animals die adding to the layering of the earth. Once buried in the earth, some prehistoric plants and animals (under the right conditions of heat and pressure) changed into petroleum. Today we mine petroleum and use it in the manufacturing of plastics. Many plastics can be recycled for a period of time, but eventually all plastics will decompose and/or break down returning to the earth's resources once again.

Examples: 2 liter bottle, milk jug, plastic bag, synthetic rubber, computers, play equipment