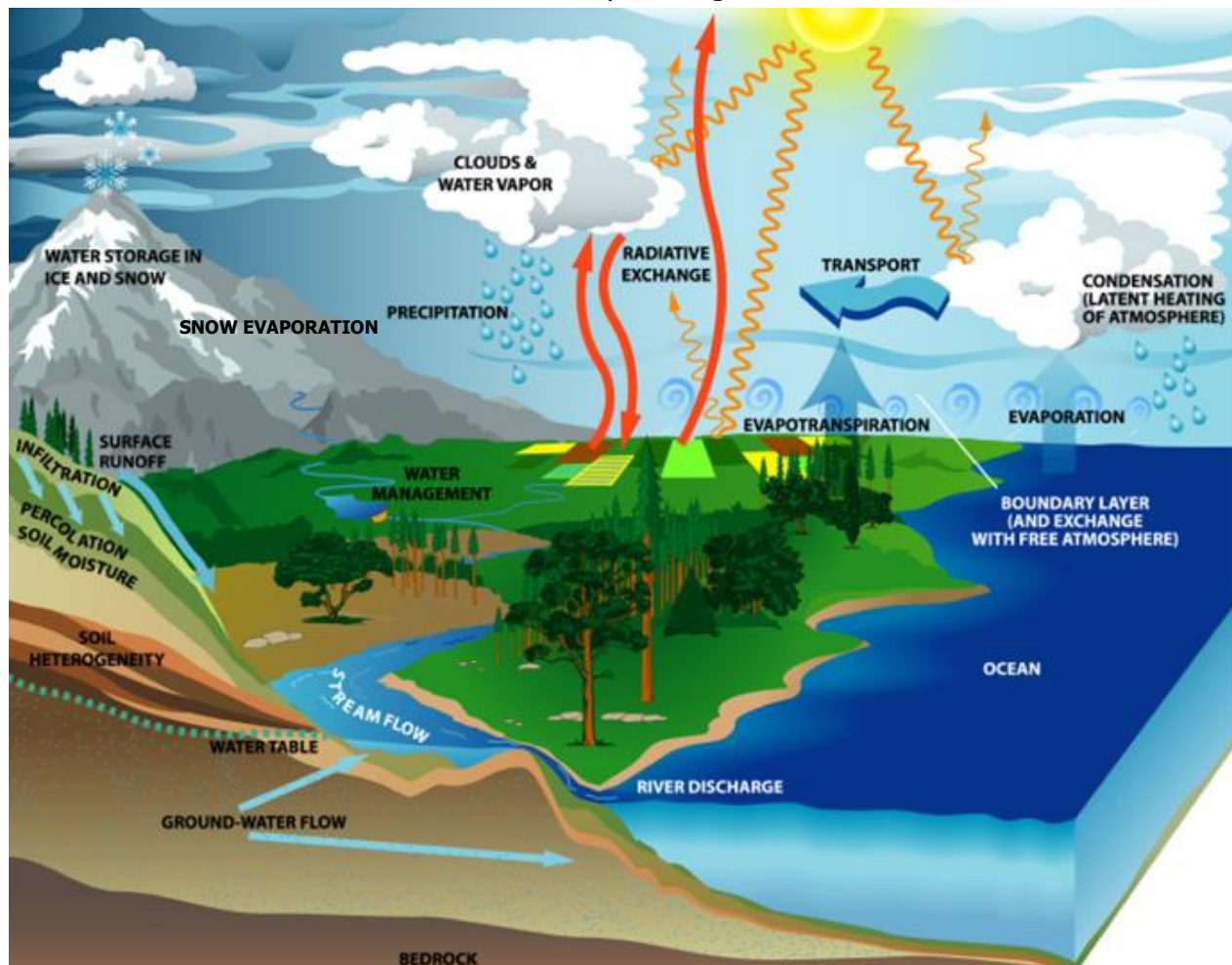


The Water Cycle

The water cycle is an ongoing process that moves the water on Earth around as a gas, solid, and a liquid depending on the step in the water cycle that it is at. The water cycle has been around since water was first introduced to the Earth.

The sun is the energy source of this cycle. The water cycle is made up of many steps including evaporation (water becoming a gas and floating up into the atmosphere), condensation (water changing from a gas to a liquid, precipitation (water falling down to Earth from the atmosphere as snow or rain) and infiltration (water seeping into the ground).

The water that you drank yesterday could have been part of a glacier or underground stream millions of years ago.



Source: <http://www.usgcrp.gov/usgcrp/images/ocp2003/WaterCycle-optimized.jpg>