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The author first examines the fundamental characteristics and basic postulates of geomorphology. He then seeks to define the systematic stages through which the study and interpretation of the landforms of a given area might proceed, rather than presenting landforms topic by topic.

The approach is systematic throughout; examples are drawn from as wide a geographical range as possible with emphasis on presenting examples of actual observations and measurements. The need to recognise the distinctiveness of all aspects of the natural environment in which a landform occurs, and to appreciate the susceptibility of processes in that environment to substantial change following only small initial perturbations, is constantly stressed.

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