Rocks and Minerals

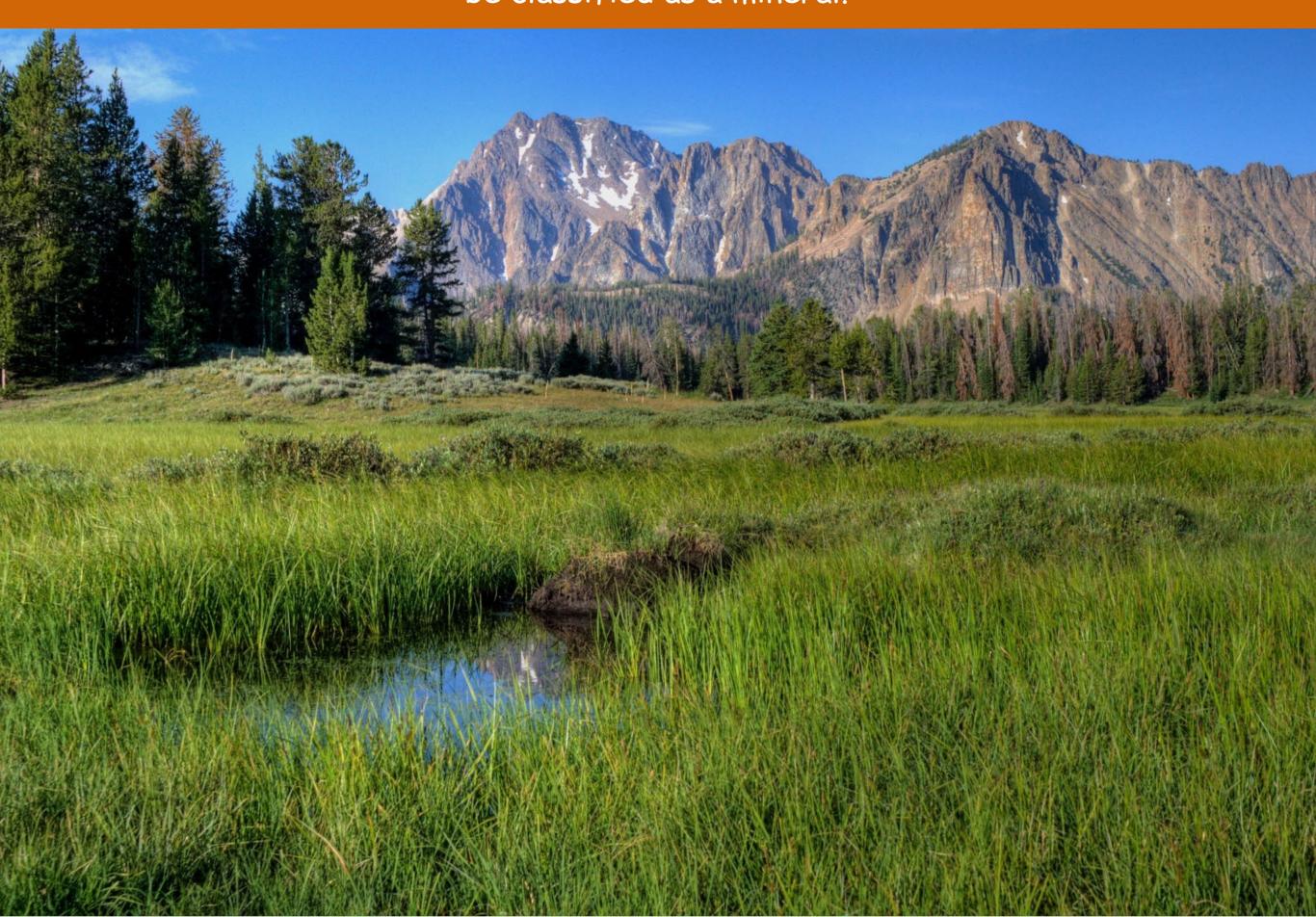














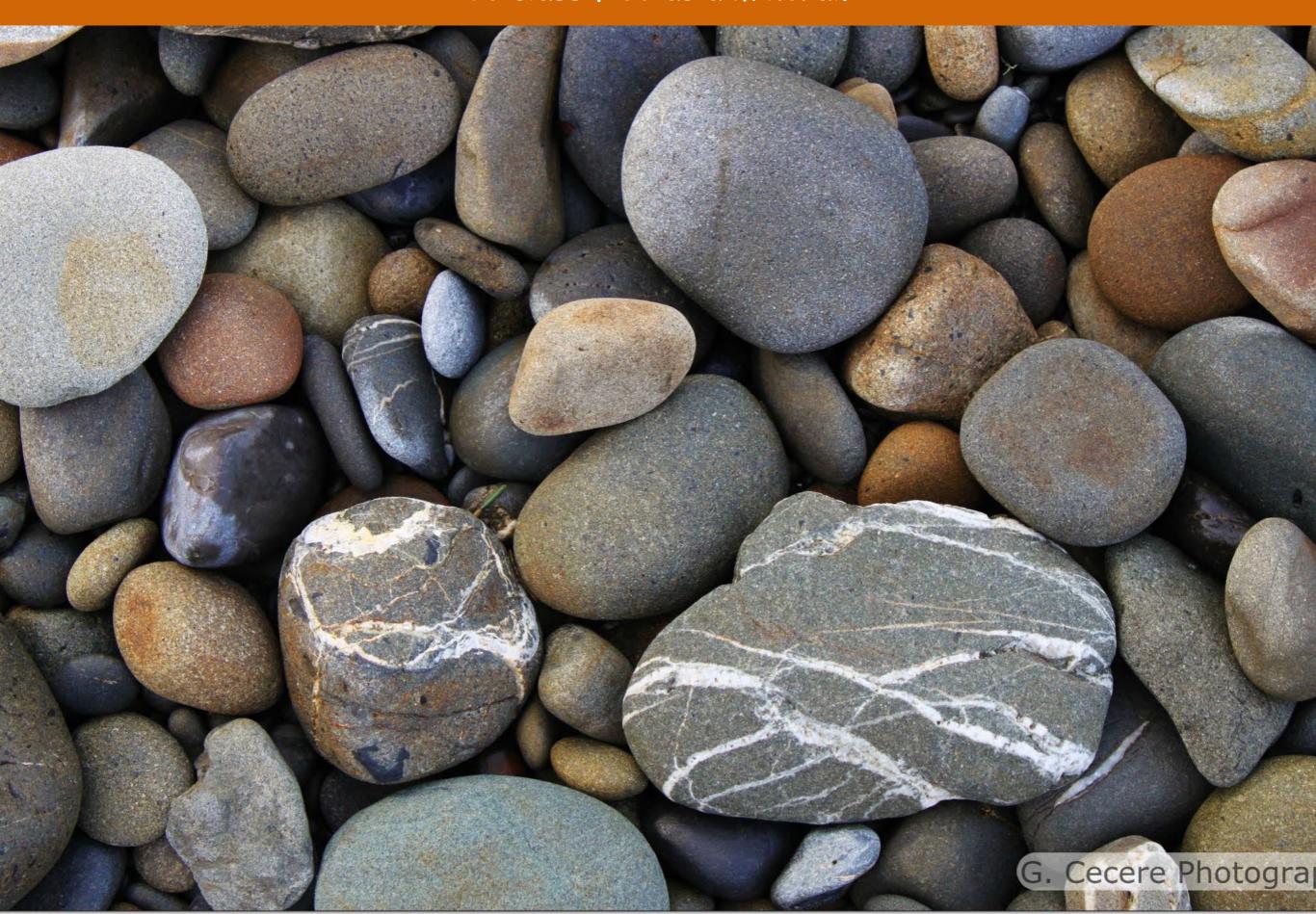


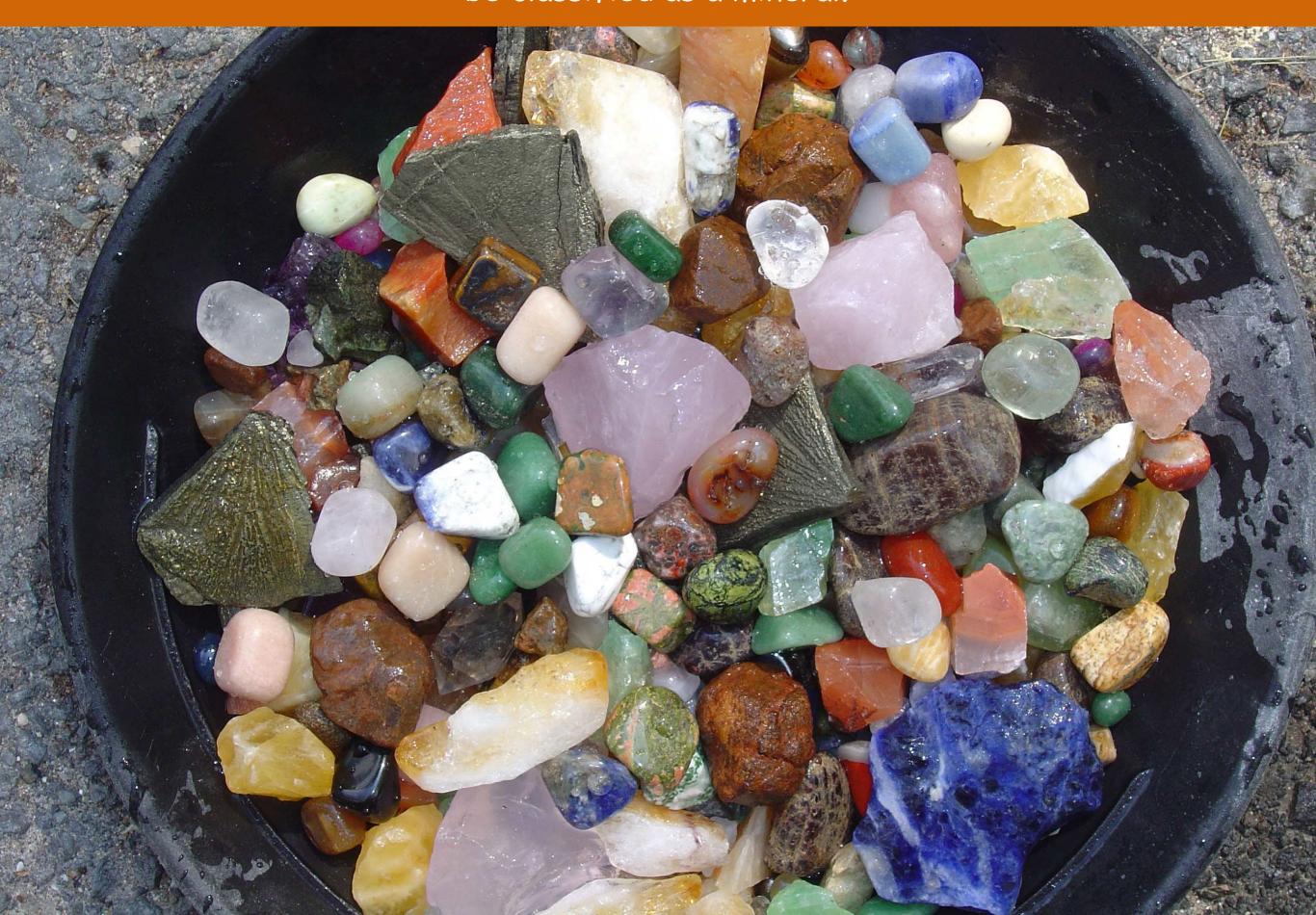


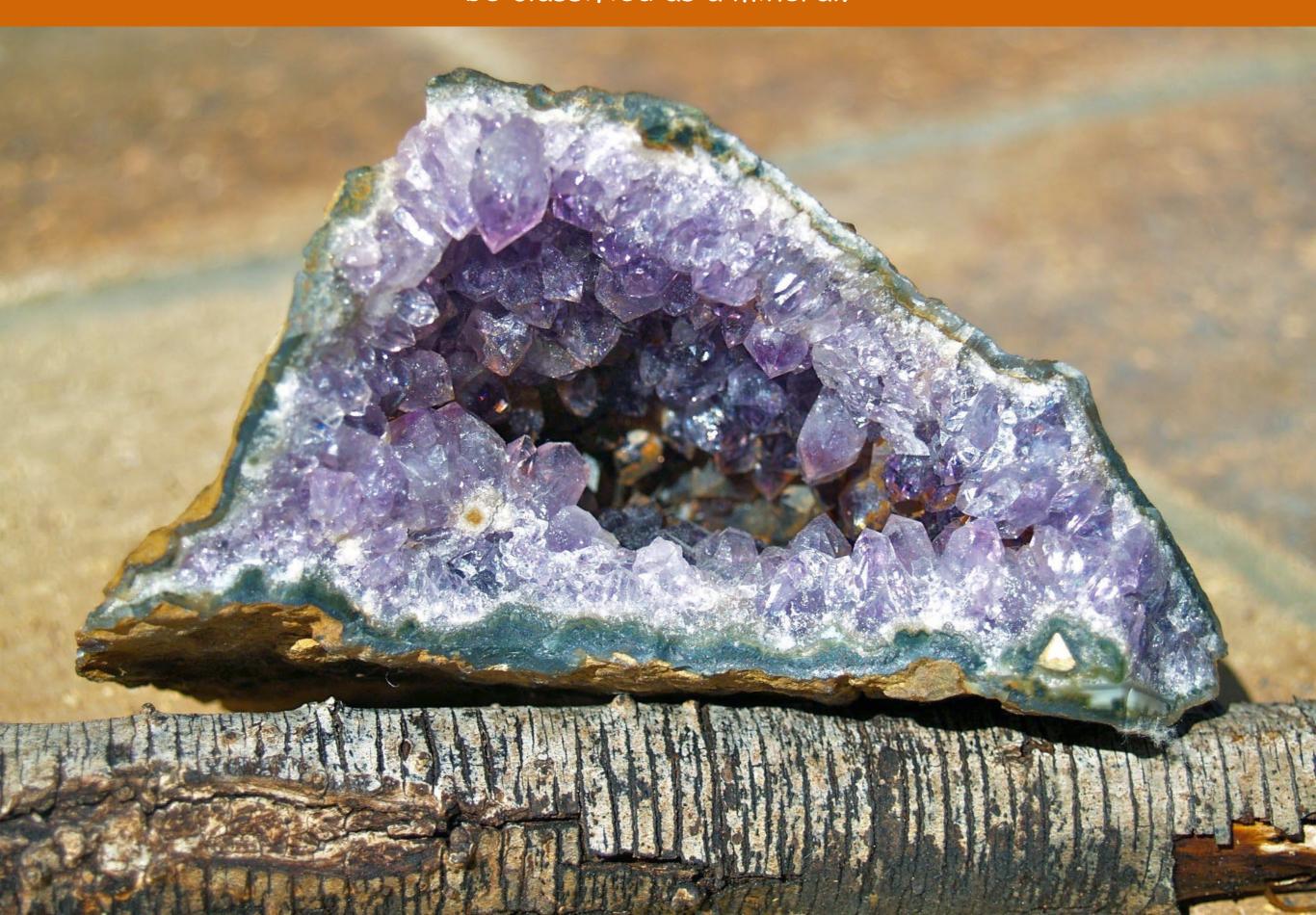
What makes up an environment?

- Living plants, animals, bacteria, etc.
- Non-living rocks, minerals, man-made materials.







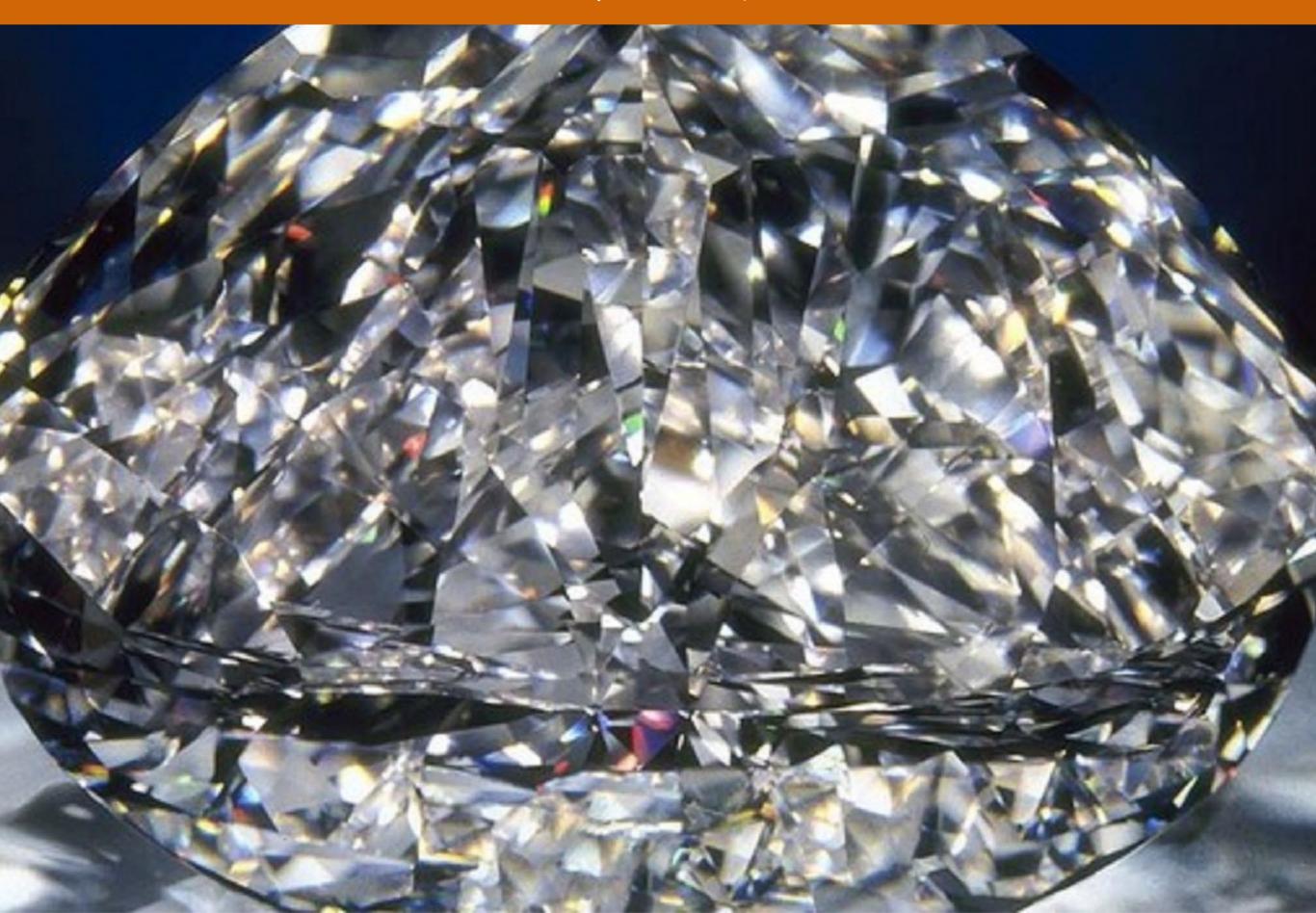












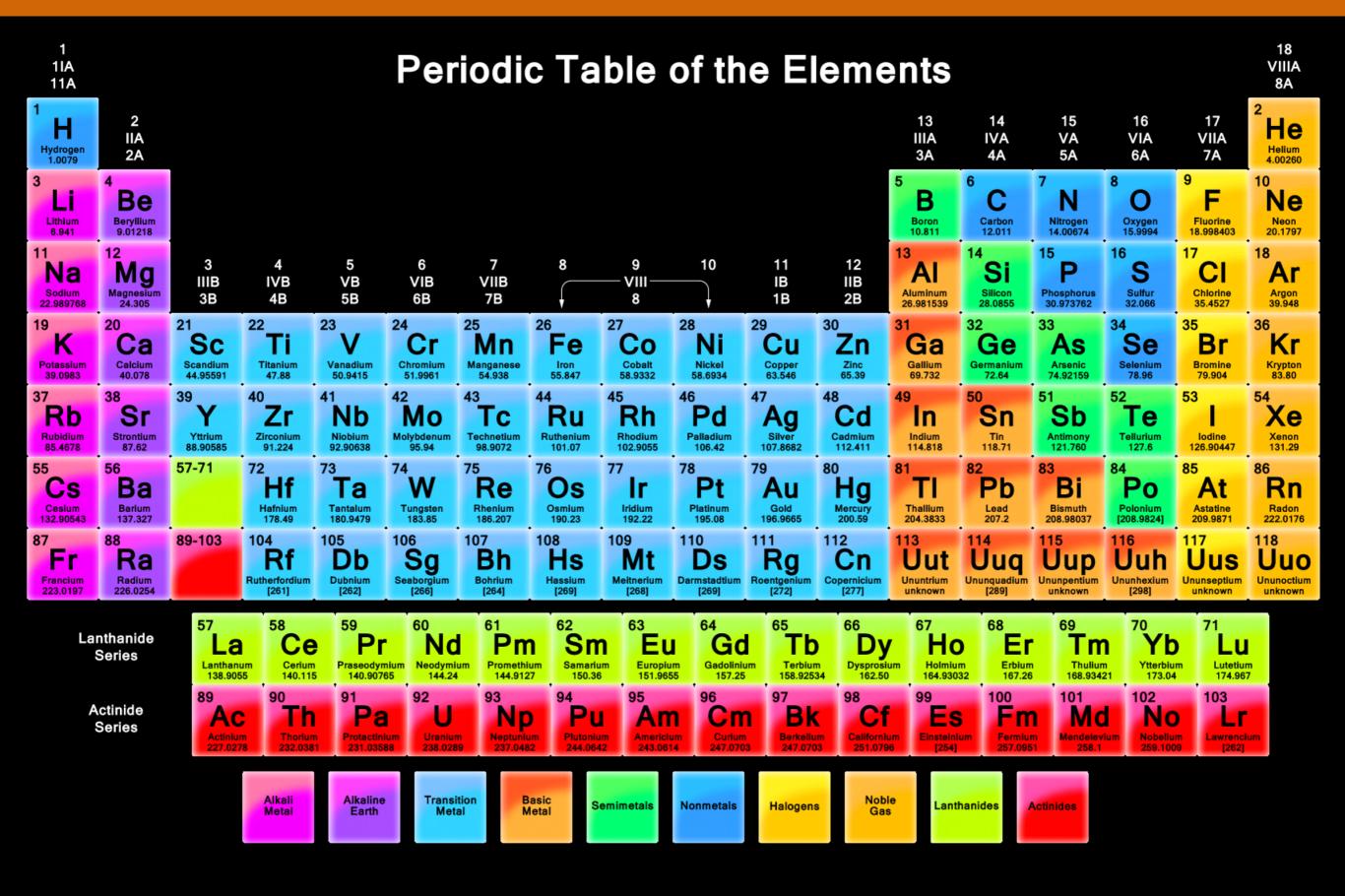




Minerals

- Natural (not man-made).
- Non-living (inorganic).
- Solid, with a crystalline atomic structure.
 (Atoms are arranged.)
- Definite composition. (Certain elements or compounds.)

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Properties of Minerals







Goal: Students will be able to use different properties of minerals.







Streak



Luster

- Metallic reflect light only from their outer surface. Looks like a metal.
- Non-metallic can be glassy, dull, pearly, waxy, etc.

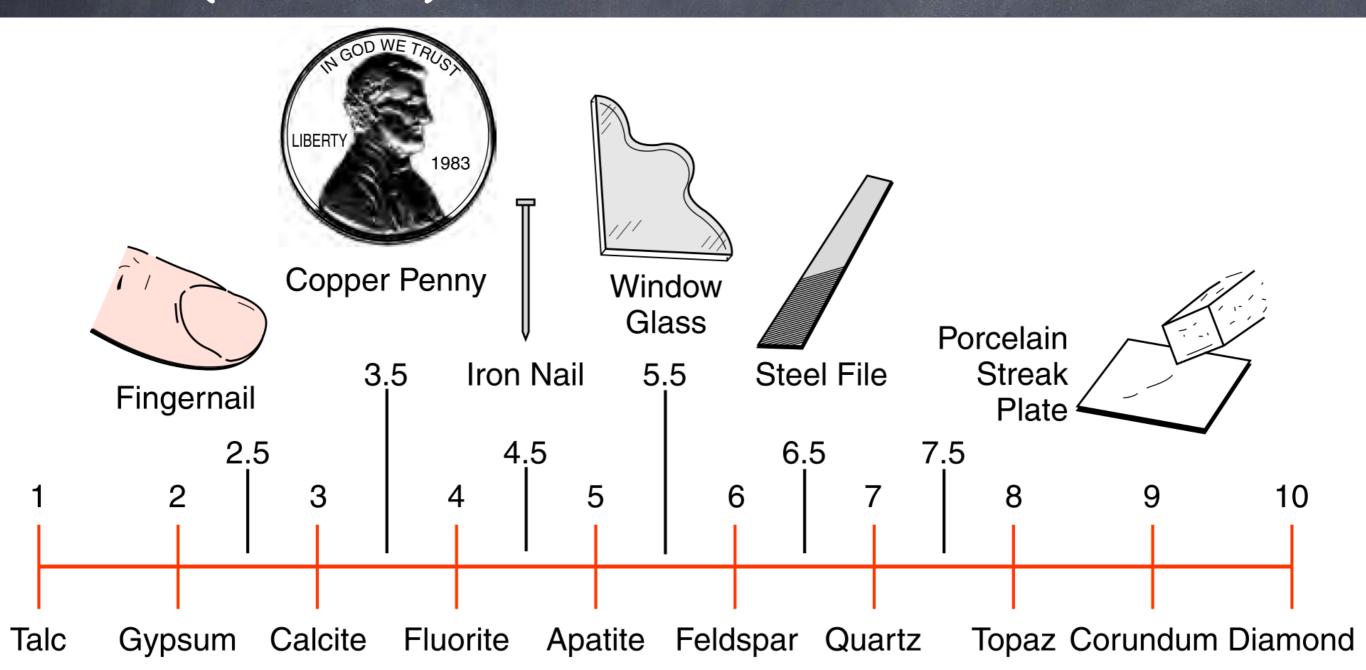


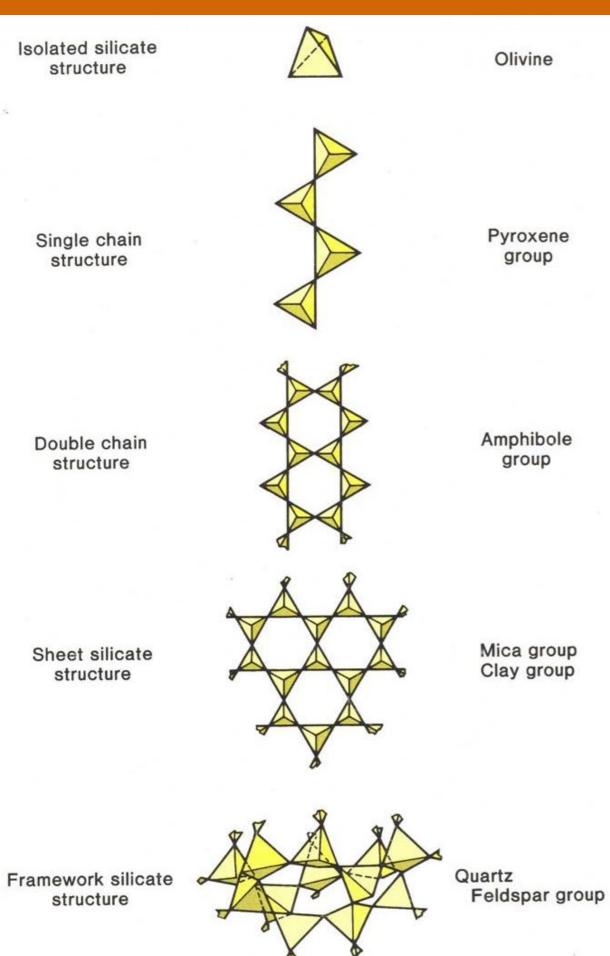




Hardness - resistance to being scratched.

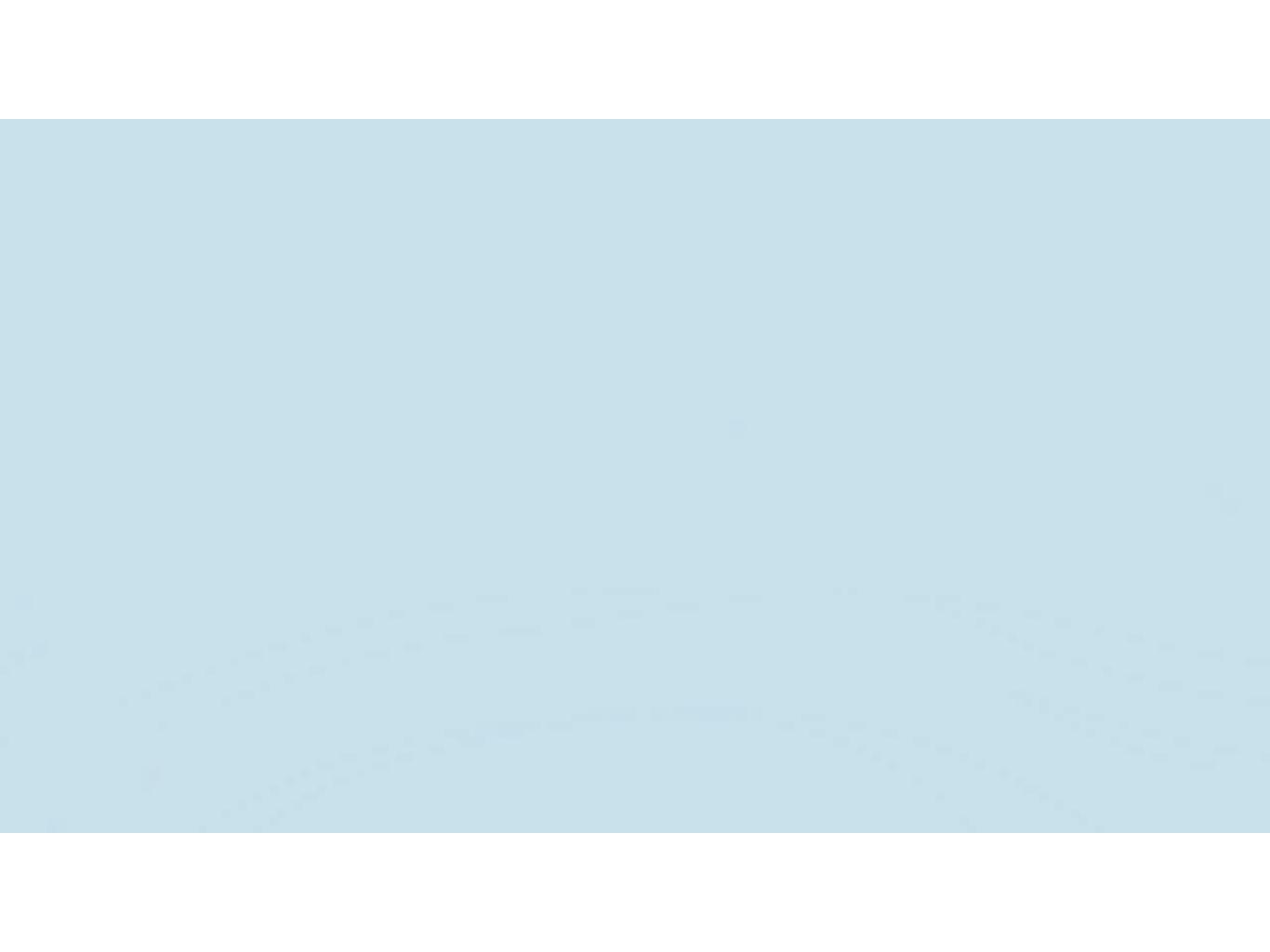
Moh's Hardness Scale - ranges from 1 (softest) to 10 (hardest).

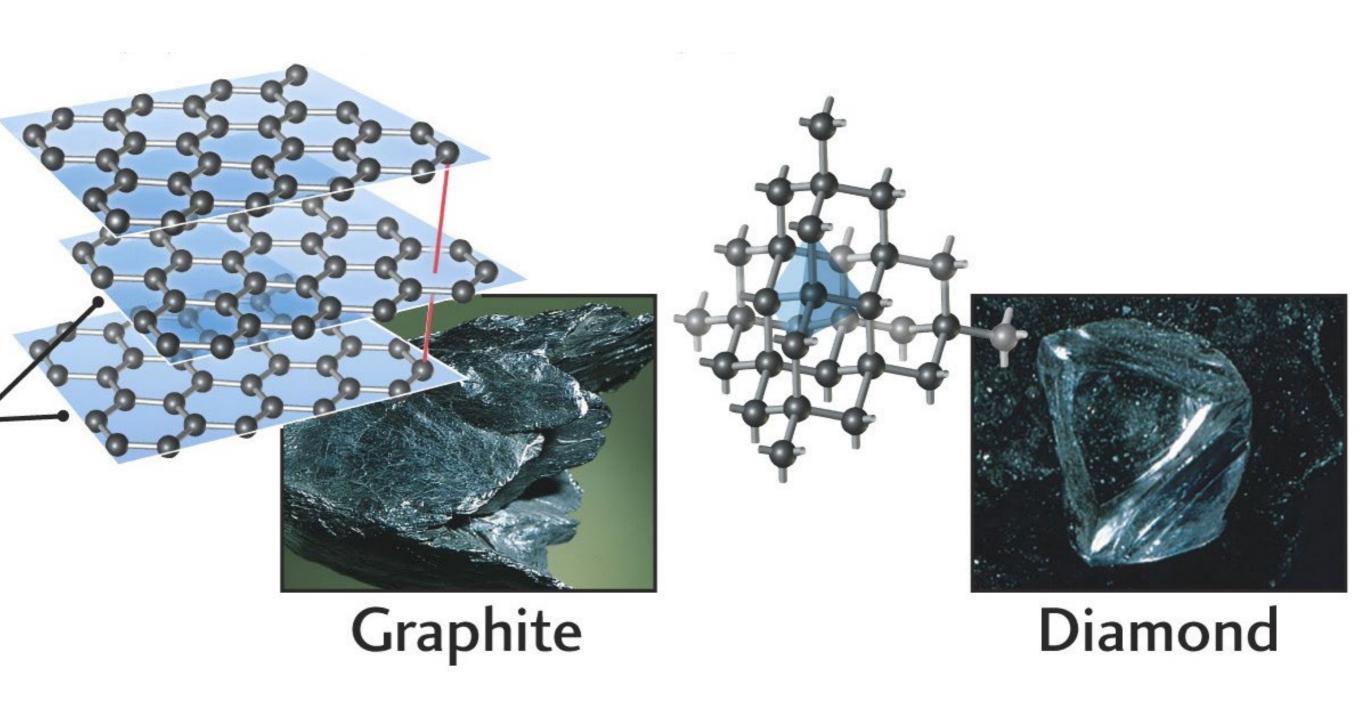




Crystal Shape

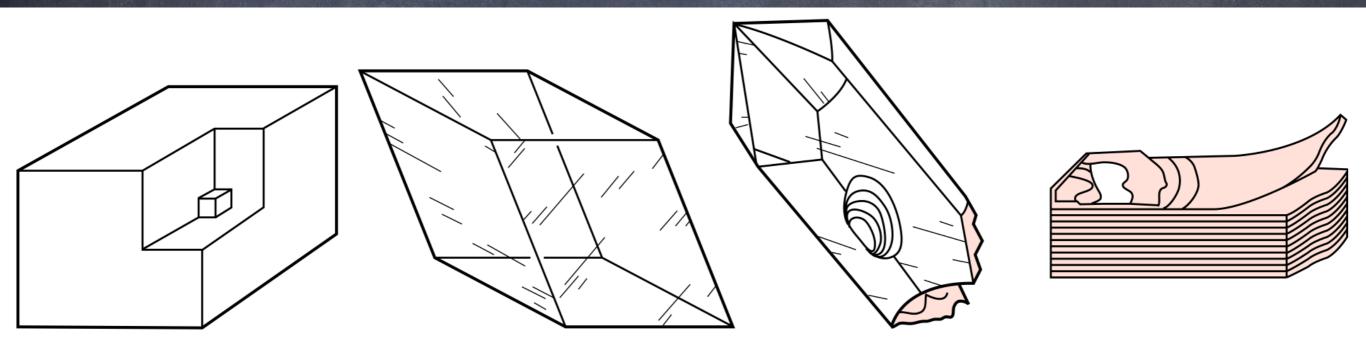
- The way atoms arrange controls the shape and properties of the mineral.
- Crystal shape is very specific to a mineral.
- Substances that share the same composition can still be different minerals because of their crystal structure.





Cleavage and Fracture

- Cleavage the tendency of some minerals to break along smooth, flat planes.
- Fracture breakage along curved surfaces or surfaces that are not parallel.



Halite forms cubic crystals that cleave parallel to the crystal faces.

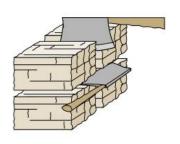
Calcite crystals are rhombohedral and cleave parallel to the crystal faces.

Quartz crystals are hexagonal but fracture along curved surfaces.

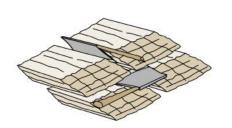
Minerals in the mica family split into thin, flexible sheets.



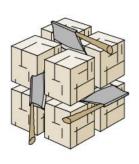
Biotite and muscovite micas exhibit one excellent direction of cleavage.



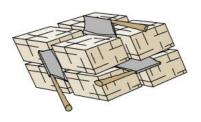
Orthoclase and plagioclase feldspars exhibit two good directions of cleavage at approximately 90deg from each other



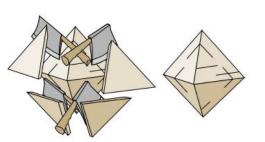
Hornblende (an amphibole) has two good directions of cleavage at 124 deg. from each other.



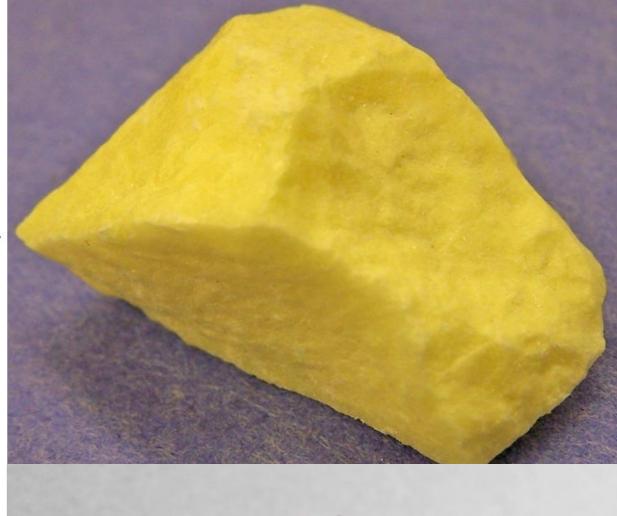
Galena has three good directions of cleavage that form two 90deg. angles (cubic cleavage)



Calcite has three good directions of cleavage that form angles of 105 deg. in one plane and 75 deg. in another



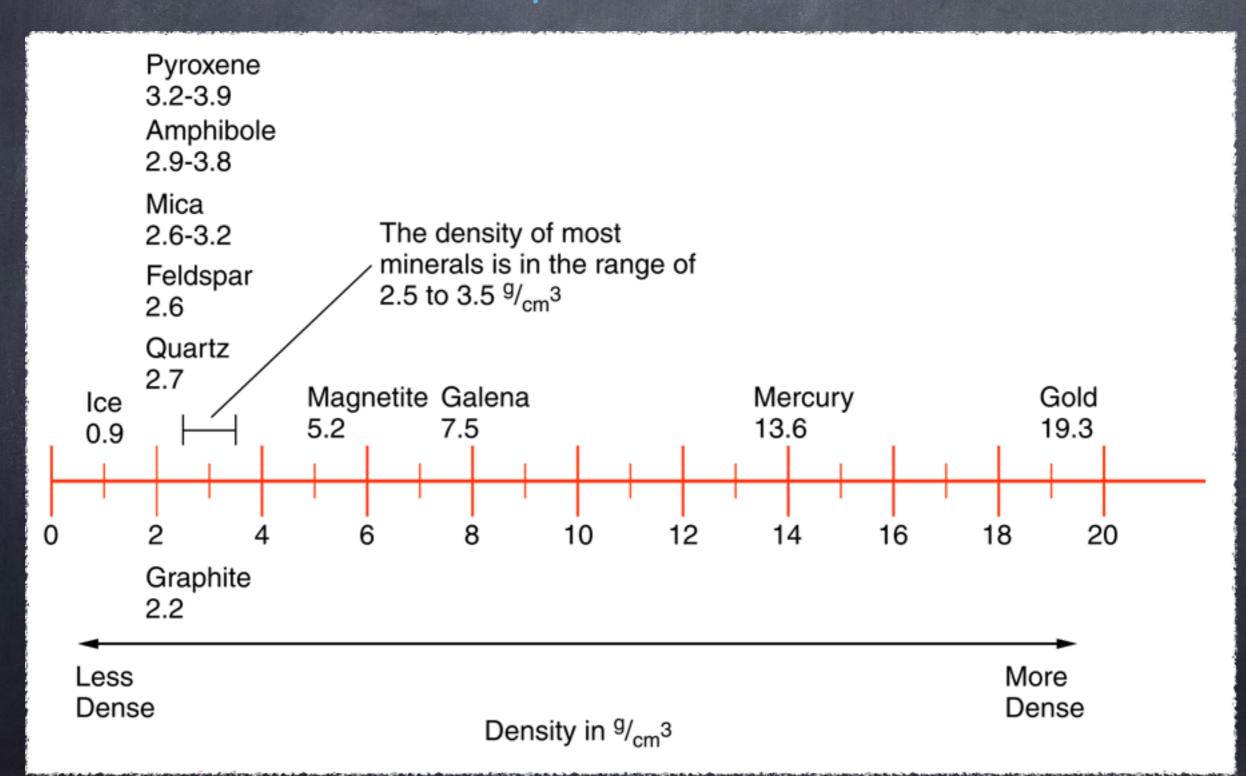
Fluorite has four good directions of cleavage (octahedral cleavage)





Density

Density = Mass/Volume



Other Special Properties

- Magnetism
- Taste
- Feel (greasy or slippery)
- Reacts with acids

Properties of Common Minerals

LUSTER	HARD- NESS	CLEAVAGE	FRACTURE	COMMON	DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS	USE(S)	COMPOSITION*	MINERAL NAME
Metallic luster	1–2	~		silver to gray	black streak, greasy feel	pencil lead, lubricants	С	Graphite
	2.5	~		metallic silver	gray-black streak, cubic cleavage, density = 7.6 g/cm ³	ore of lead, batteries	PbS	Galena
	5.5-6.5		~	black to silver	black streak, magnetic	ore of iron, steel	Fe ₃ O ₄	Magnetite
	6.5		~	brassy yellow	green-black streak, (fool's gold)	ore of sulfur	FeS ₂	Pyrite
Either	5.5 – 6.5 or 1		~	metallic silver or earthy red	red-brown streak	ore of iron, jewelry	Fe ₂ O ₃	Hematite
	1	~		white to green	greasy feel	ceramics, paper	Mg ₃ Si ₄ O ₁₀ (OH) ₂	Talc
	2		~	yellow to amber	white-yellow streak	sulfuric acid	S	Sulfur
	2	~		white to pink or gray	easily scratched by fingernail	plaster of paris, drywall	CaSO ₄ •2H ₂ O	Selenite gypsum
	2-2.5	~		colorless to yellow	flexible in thin sheets	paint, roofing	KAI ₃ Si ₃ O ₁₀ (OH) ₂	Muscovite mica
	2.5	~		colorless to white	cubic cleavage, salty taste	food additive, melts ice	NaCl	Halite
	2.5-3	~		black to dark brown	flexible in thin sheets	construction materials	K(Mg,Fe) ₃ AlSi ₃ O ₁₀ (OH) ₂	Biotite mica
<u>.</u>	3	V		colorless or variable	bubbles with acid, rhombohedral cleavage	cement,	CaCO ₃	Calcite
lic luste	3.5	~		colorless or variable	bubbles with acid when powdered	building stones	CaMg(CO ₃) ₂	Dolomite
Nonmetallic luster	4	~		colorless or variable	cleaves in 4 directions	hydrofluoric acid	CaF ₂	Fluorite
	5-6	V		black to dark green	cleaves in 2 directions at 90°	mineral collections, jewelry	(Ca,Na) (Mg,Fe,Al) (Si,Al) ₂ O ₆	Pyroxene (commonly augite)
	5.5	V		black to dark green	cleaves at 56° and 124°	mineral collections, jewelry	CaNa(Mg,Fe) ₄ (Al,Fe,Ti) ₃ Si ₆ O ₂₂ (O,OH) ₂	Amphibole (commonly hornblende)
	6	~		white to pink	cleaves in 2 directions at 90°	ceramics,	KAISi ₃ O ₈	Potassium feldspar (commonly orthoclase)
	6	V		white to gray	cleaves in 2 directions, striations visible	ceramics,	(Na,Ca)AlSi ₃ O ₈	Plagioclase feldspar
	6.5		~	green to gray or brown	commonly light green and granular	furnace bricks, jewelry	(Fe,Mg) ₂ SiO ₄	Olivine
	7		~	colorless or variable	glassy luster, may form hexagonal crystals	glass, jewelry, electronics	SiO ₂	Quartz
	6.5-7.5		V	dark red to green	often seen as red glassy grains in NYS metamorphic rocks	jewelry (NYS gem), abrasives	Fe ₃ Al ₂ Si ₃ O ₁₂	Garnet

*Chemical symbols:

Al = aluminum C = carbon Ca = calcium CI = chlorine F = fluorine Fe = iron H = hydrogen K = potassium Mg = magnesium Na = sodium O = oxygen Pb = lead

S = sulfur Si = silicon Ti = titanium

Mineral Groups

Minerals are broken up into groups based on their composition (what they are made of).

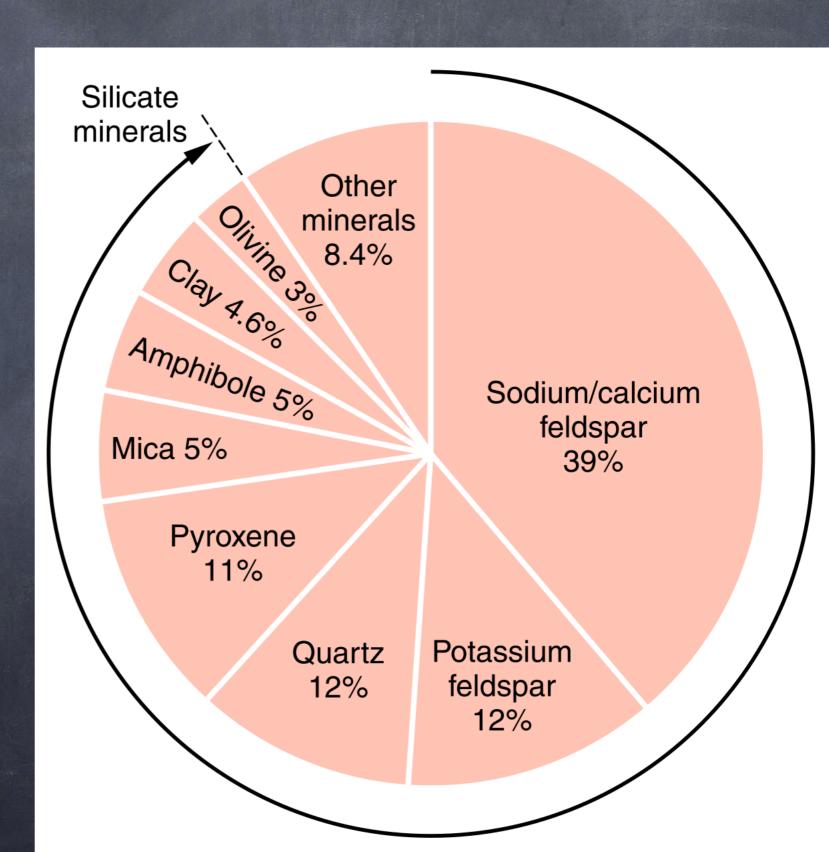
What are minerals at Earth's surface made of?

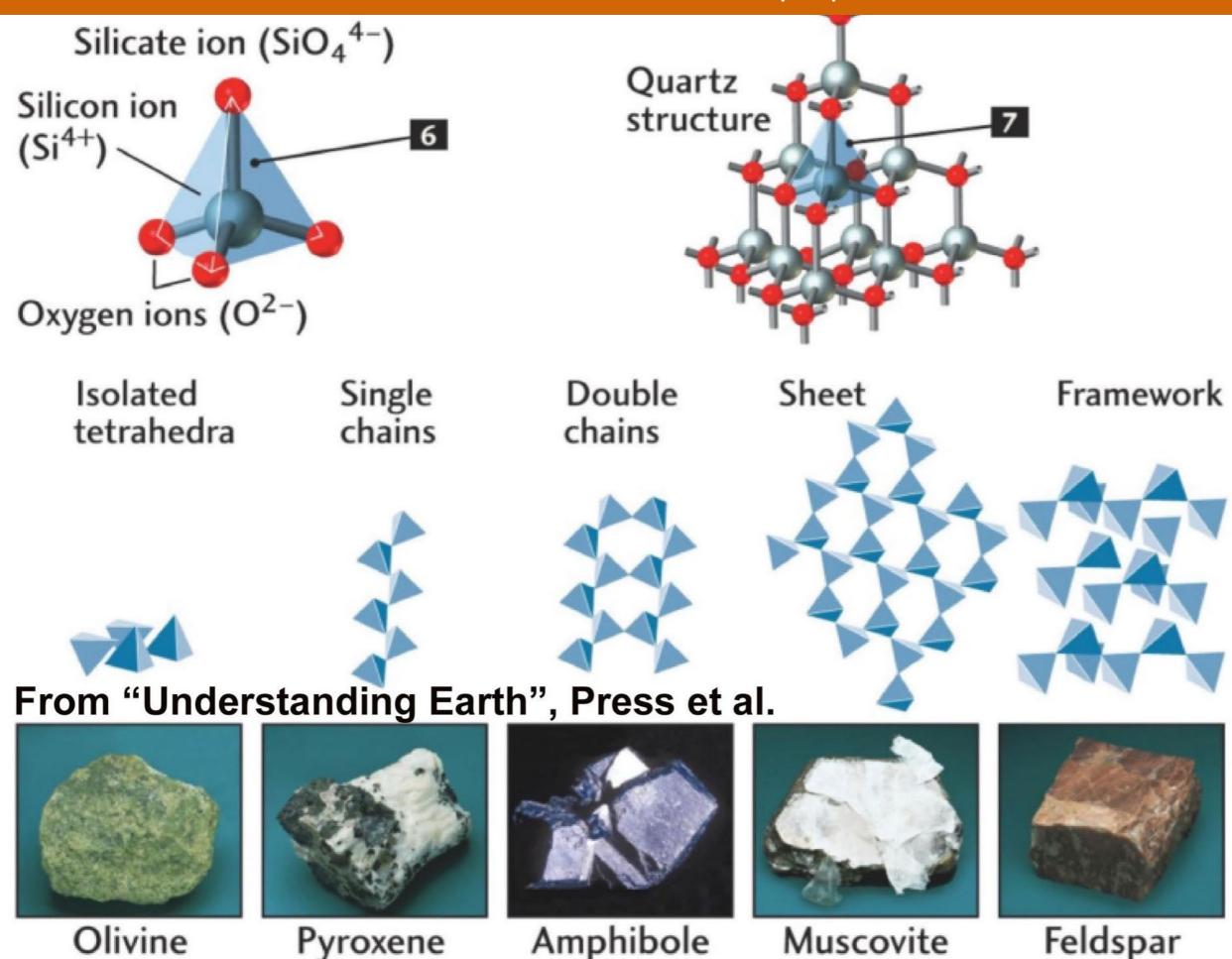
Average Chemical Composition of Earth's Crust, Hydrosphere, and Troposphere

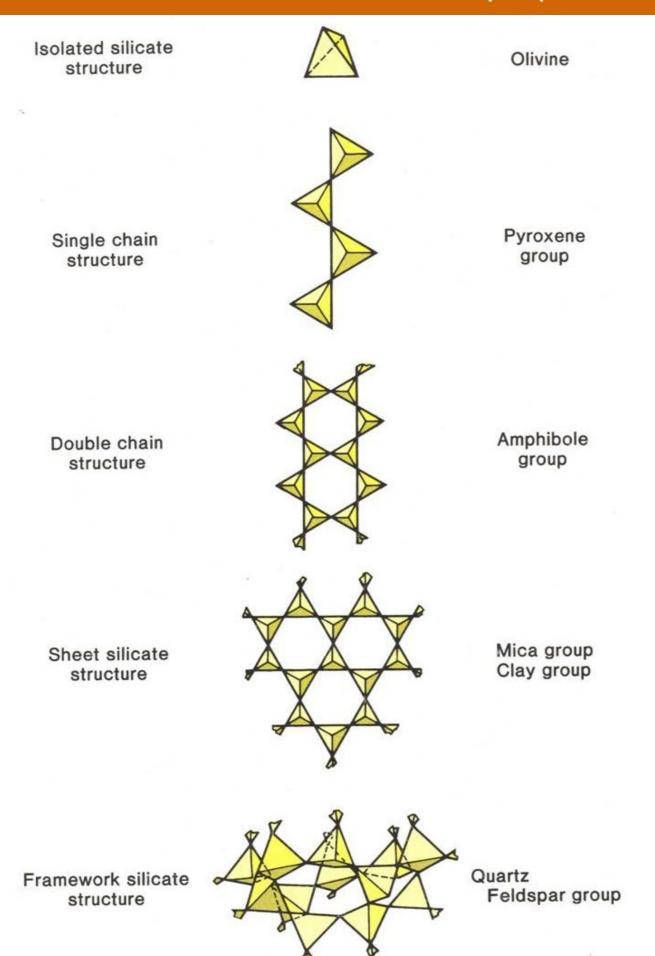
ELEMENT	CRI	UST	HYDROSPHERE	TROPOSPHERE
(symbol)	Percent by mass	Percent by volume	Percent by volume	Percent by volume
Oxygen (O)	46.10	94.04	33.0	21.0
Silicon (Si)	28.20	0.88		
Aluminum (Al)	8.23	0.48		
Iron (Fe)	5.63	0.49		
Calcium (Ca)	4.15	1.18		
Sodium (Na)	2.36	1.11		
Magnesium (Mg)	2.33	0.33		
Potassium (K)	2.09	1.42		
Nitrogen (N)				78.0
Hydrogen (H)			66.0	
Other	0.91	0.07	1.0	1.0

Silicates

The most common mineral group is the Silicates. They are made up of mostly silicon and oxygen.

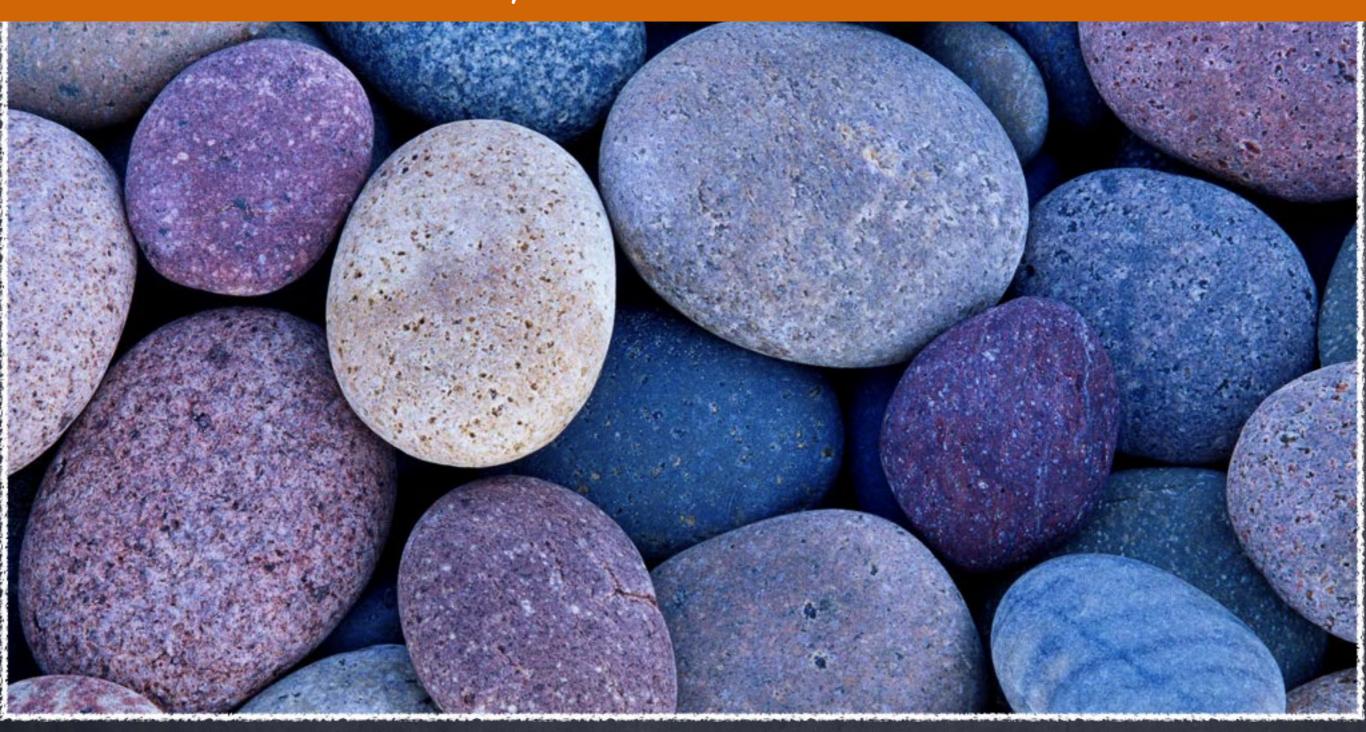








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Rocks

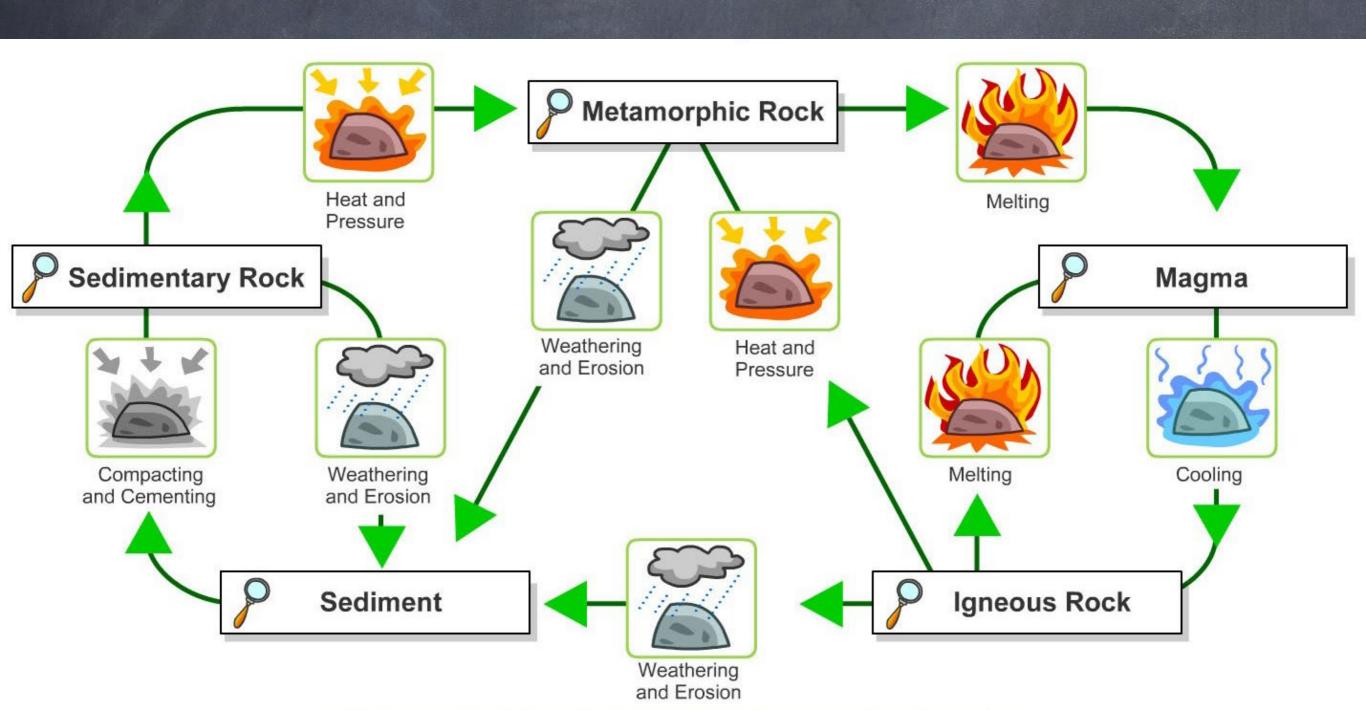
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What are rocks?

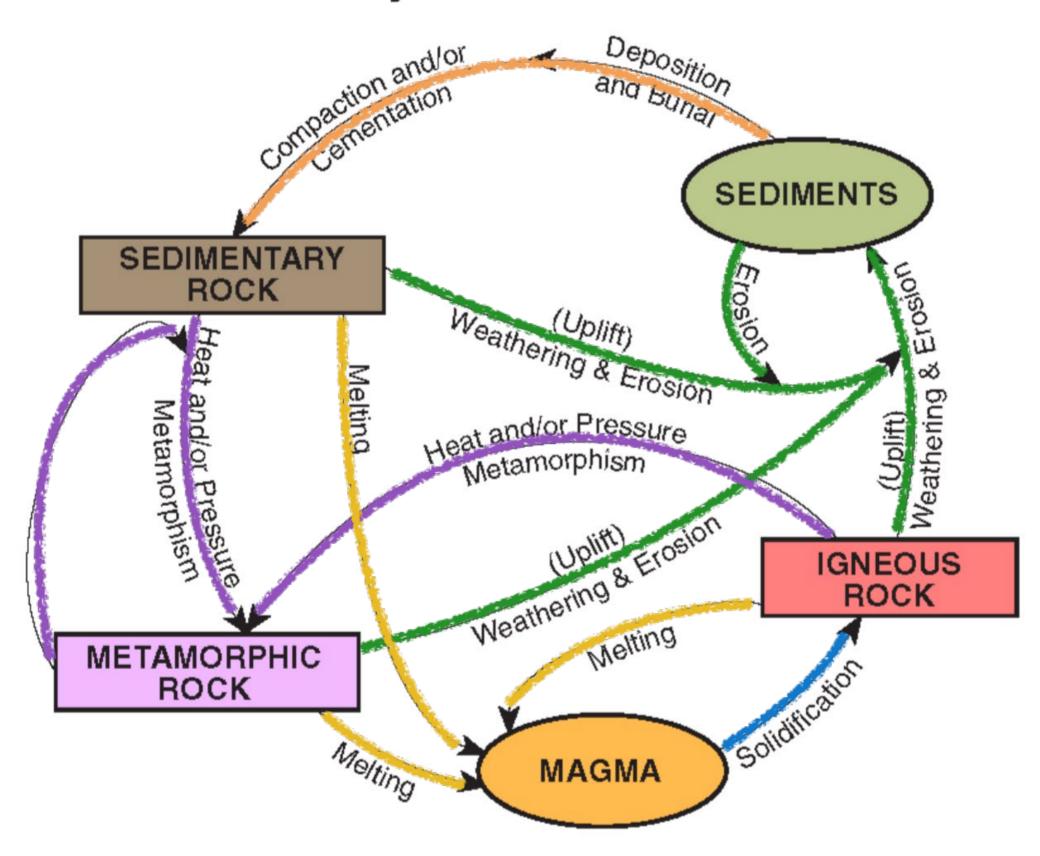
- A substance that is or was a natural part of the solid Earth, or lithosphere. Rocks are made up of a variety of minerals.
- Rocks are broken up into three groups based on how they formed.
 - Igneous
 - Sedimentary
 - Metamorphic

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The Rock Cycle



Rock Cycle in Earth's Crust

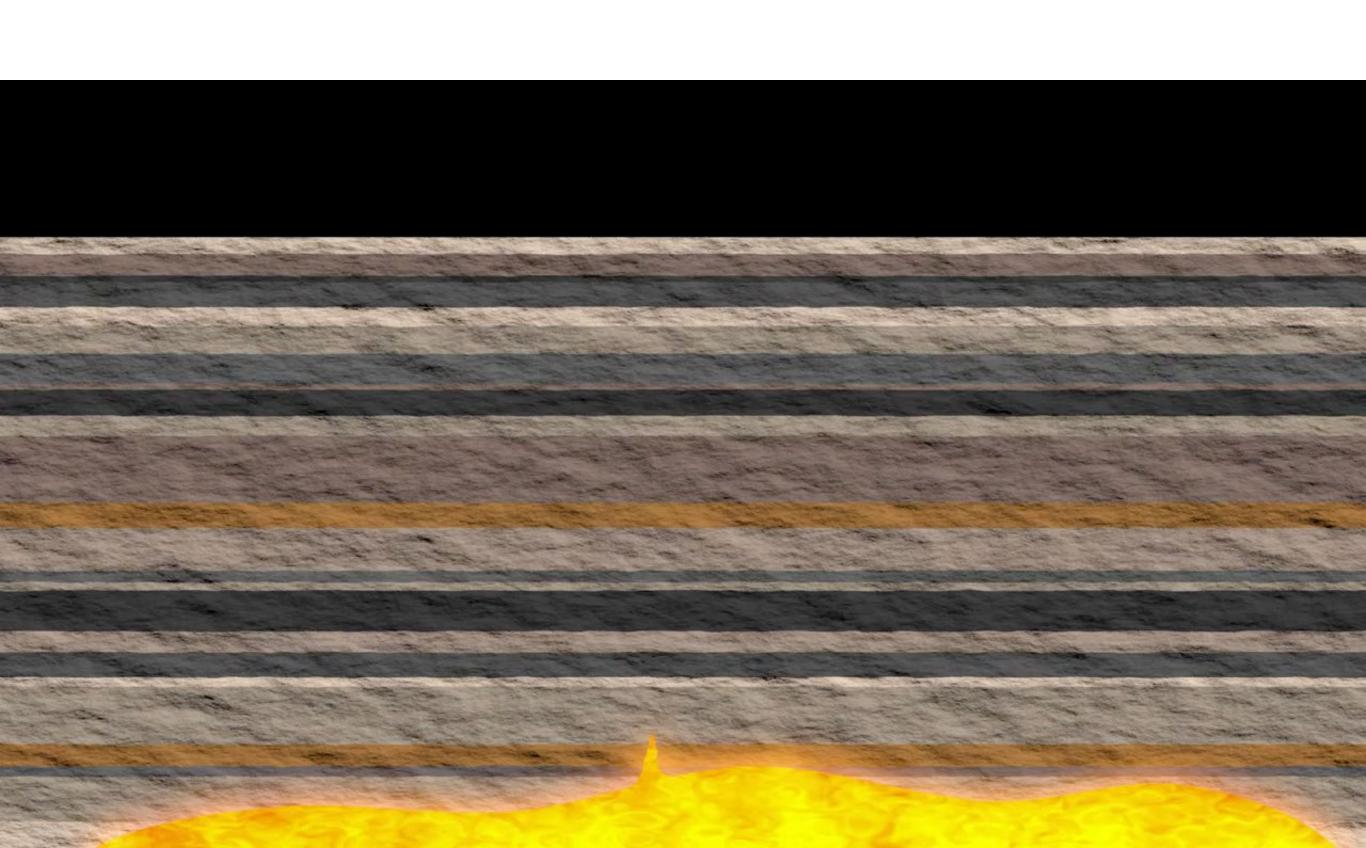




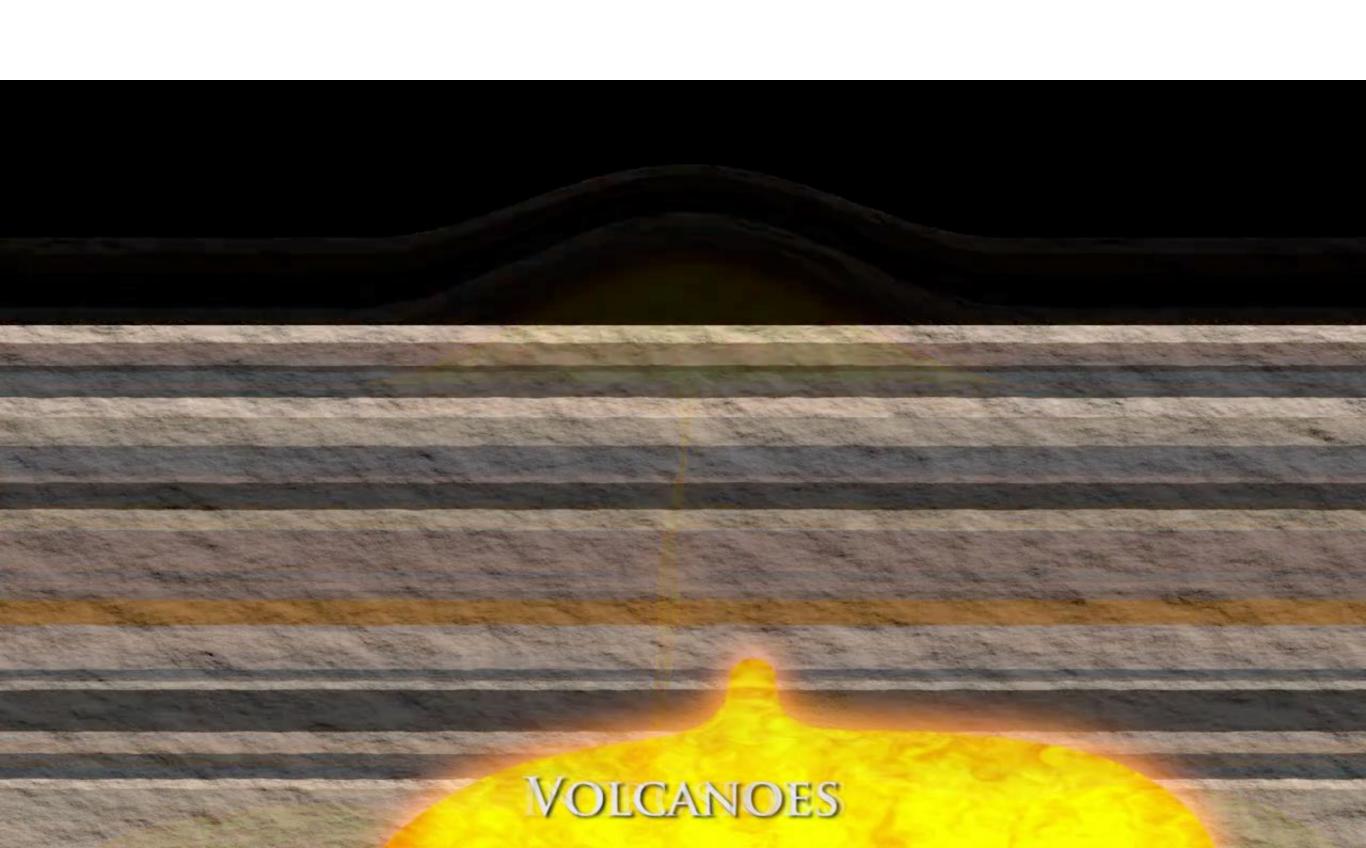
- Igneous rocks form from hot, molten (liquid) rock material that originated deep within Earth.
- Liquid rock within the Earth is called magma.
- Liquid rock at Earth's surface is called lava.

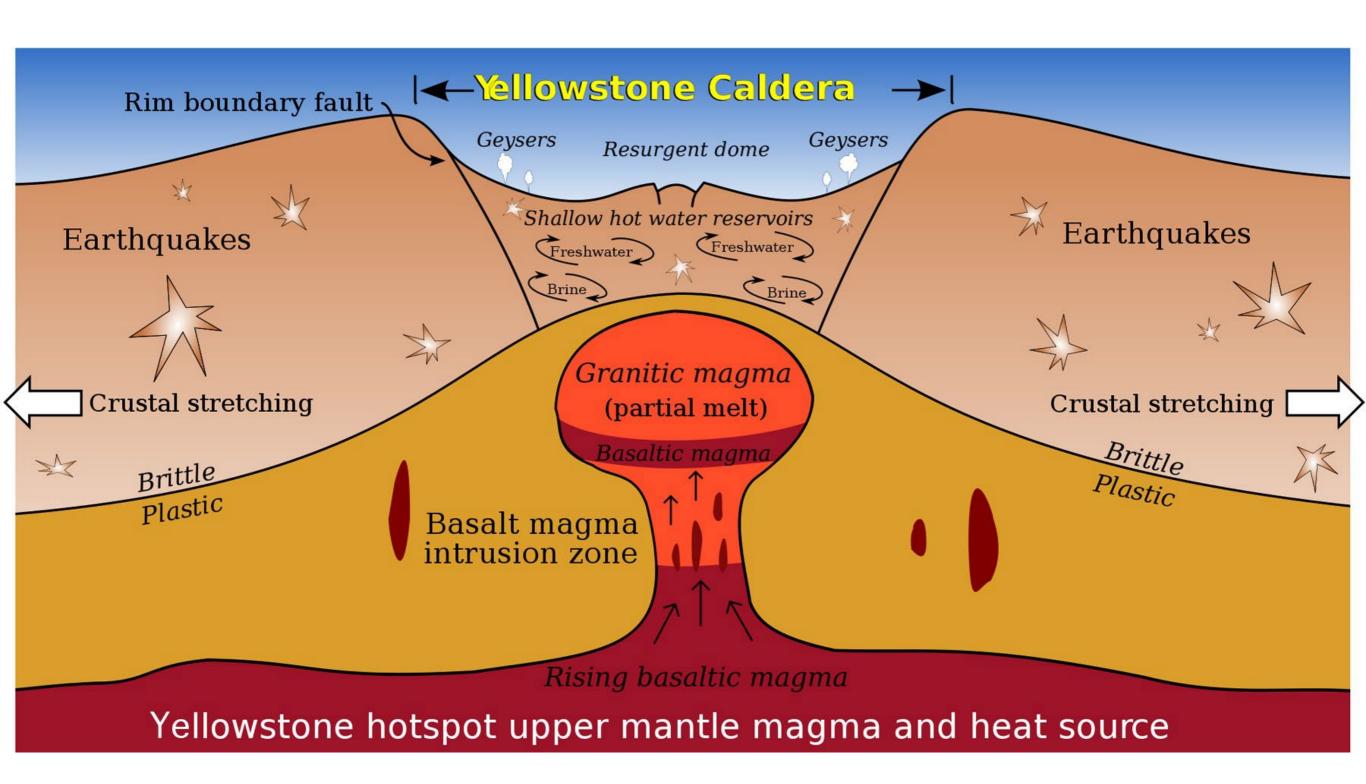
- Igneous rocks are broken up into two groups based on where they formed and what they are made of.
 - Intrusive formed inside the Earth from magma.
 - Extrusive formed on the Earth's crust from lava.

Creates Intrusive Igneous Rock since rock material never reached surface.



Creates Extrusive Igneous Rock since rock material reached surface.





Goal: Students will observe how rate of cooling affects mineral crystallization.











Kanaga Volcano — Here's a photo from Kanaga Volcano, one of the most southerly members of the Aleutian Islands chain. In the foreground is a stunning view of a lava flow from a 1906 event. According to records, a trapper living on the island in 1906 experienced several earthquakes and witnessed lava pouring down both east and west sides of the cone.

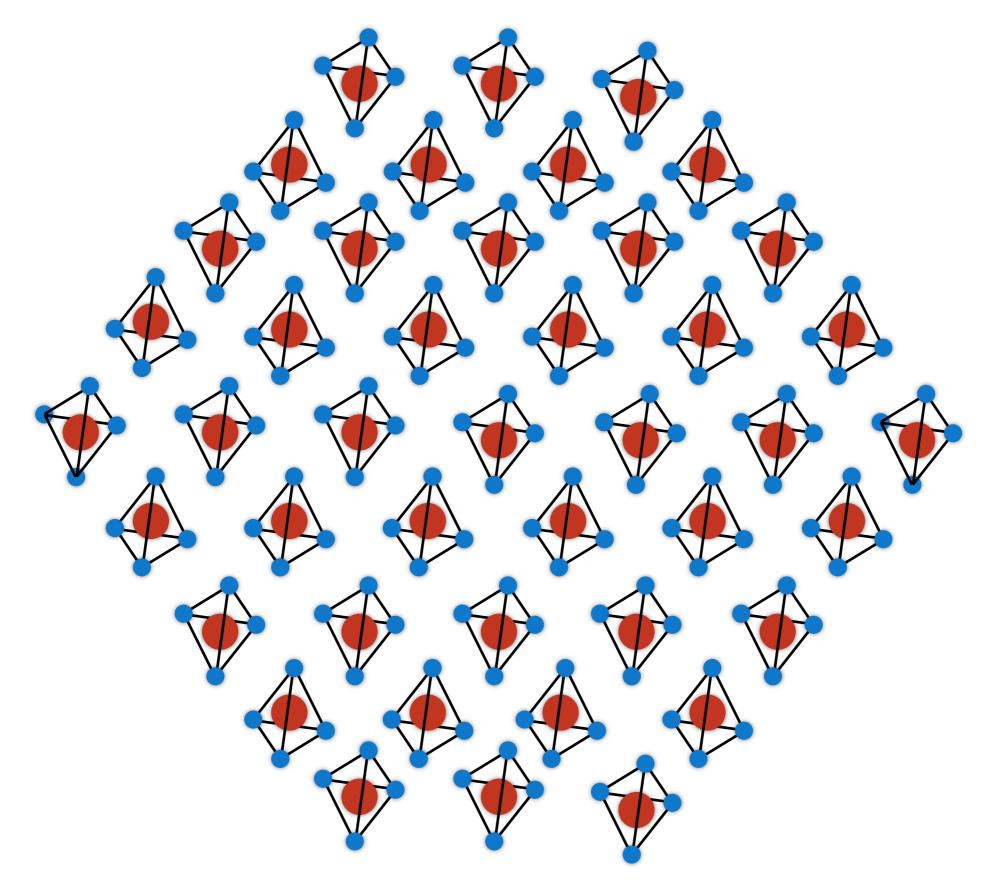
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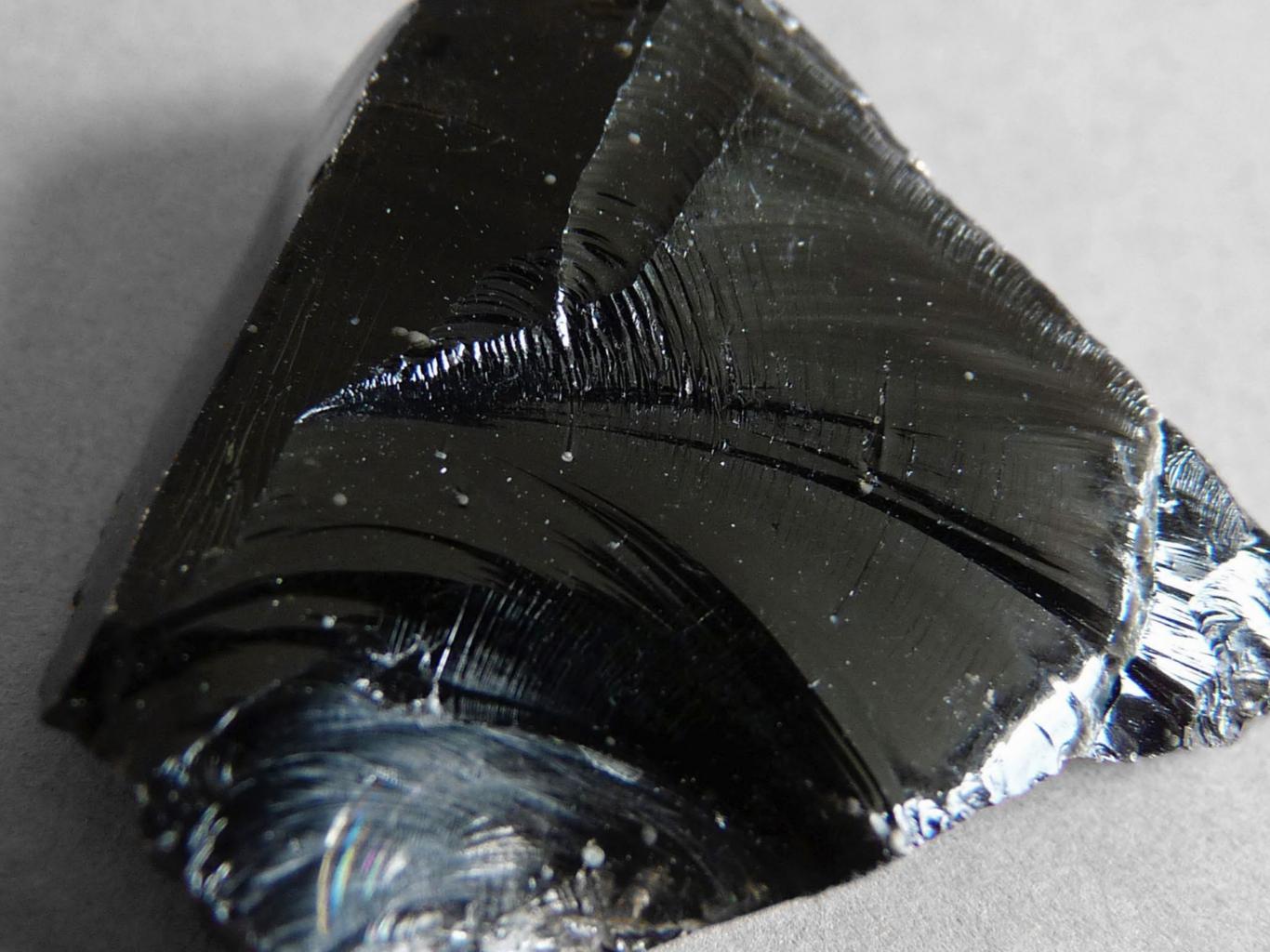
- Igneous rocks are broken up into two groups based on where they formed and what they are made of.
 - Intrusive formed inside the Earth from magma. Took a long time to cool, and therefore have large crystals.
 - Extrusive formed on the Earth's crust from lava. Cooled quickly, and therefore have small crystals.

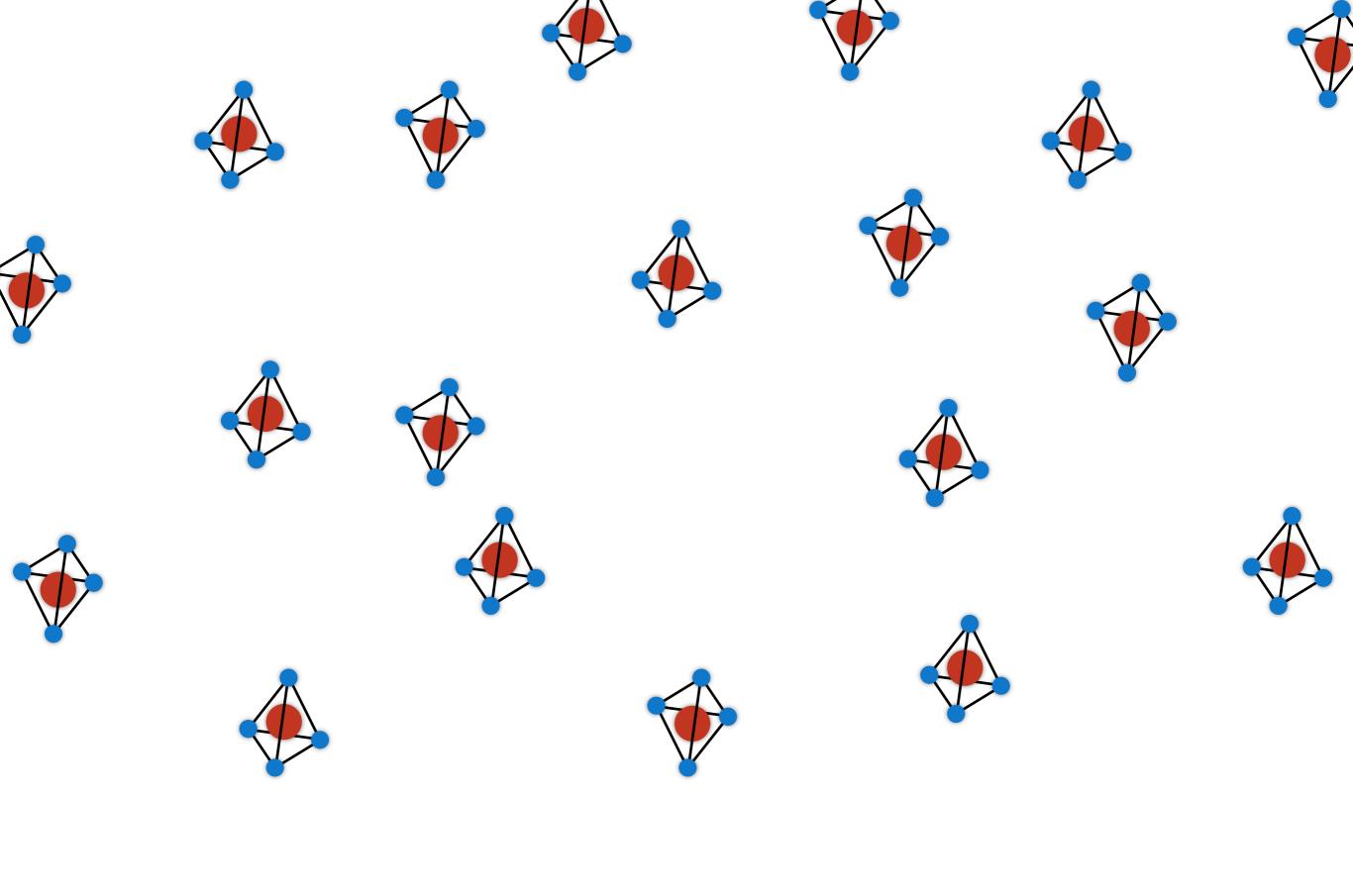




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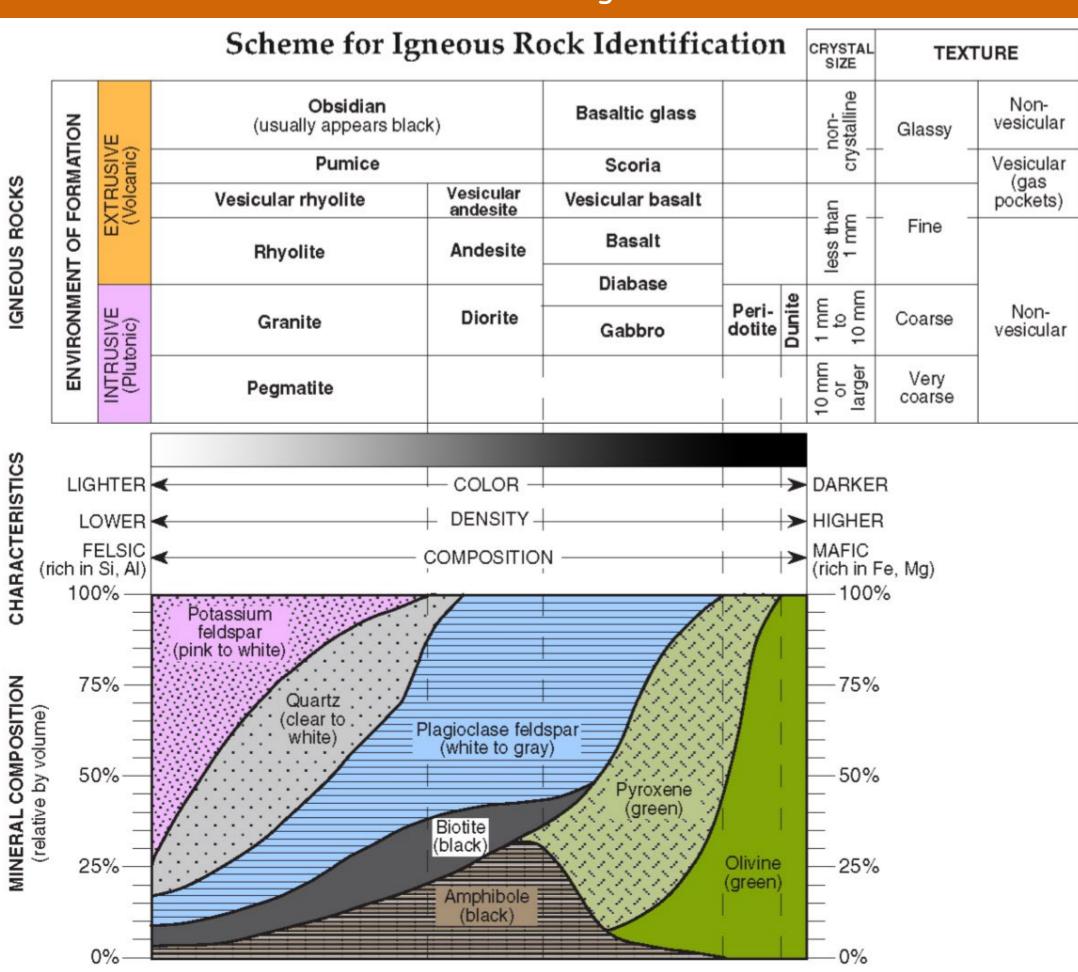


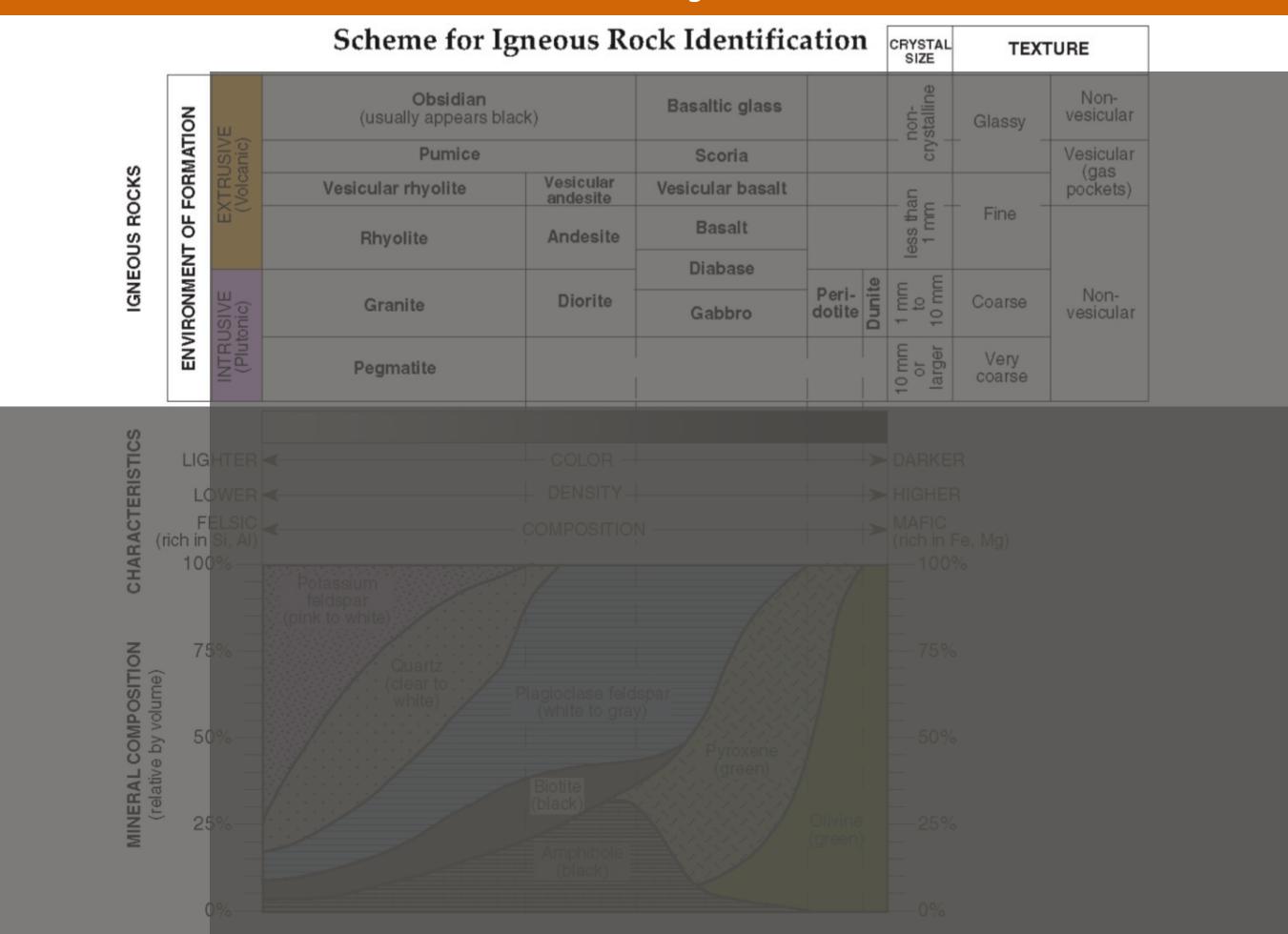


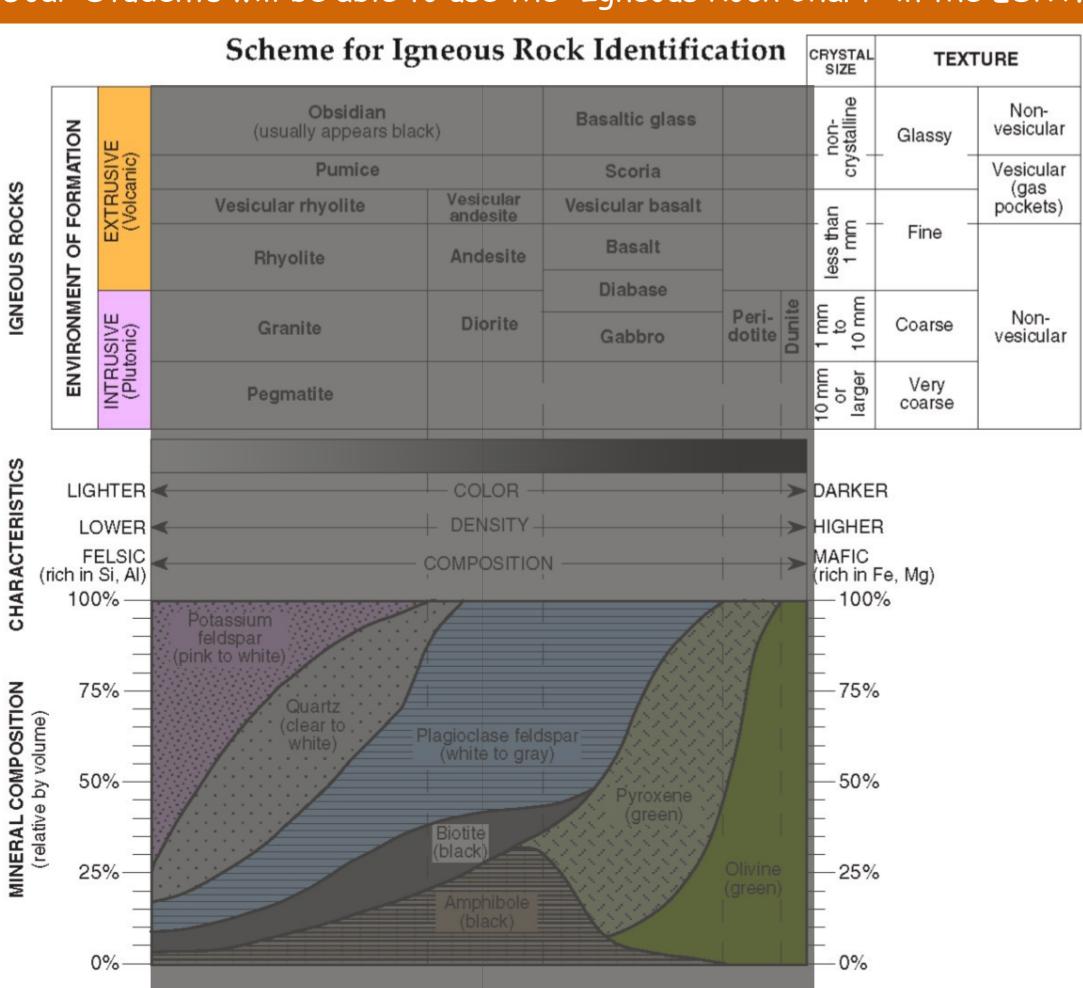


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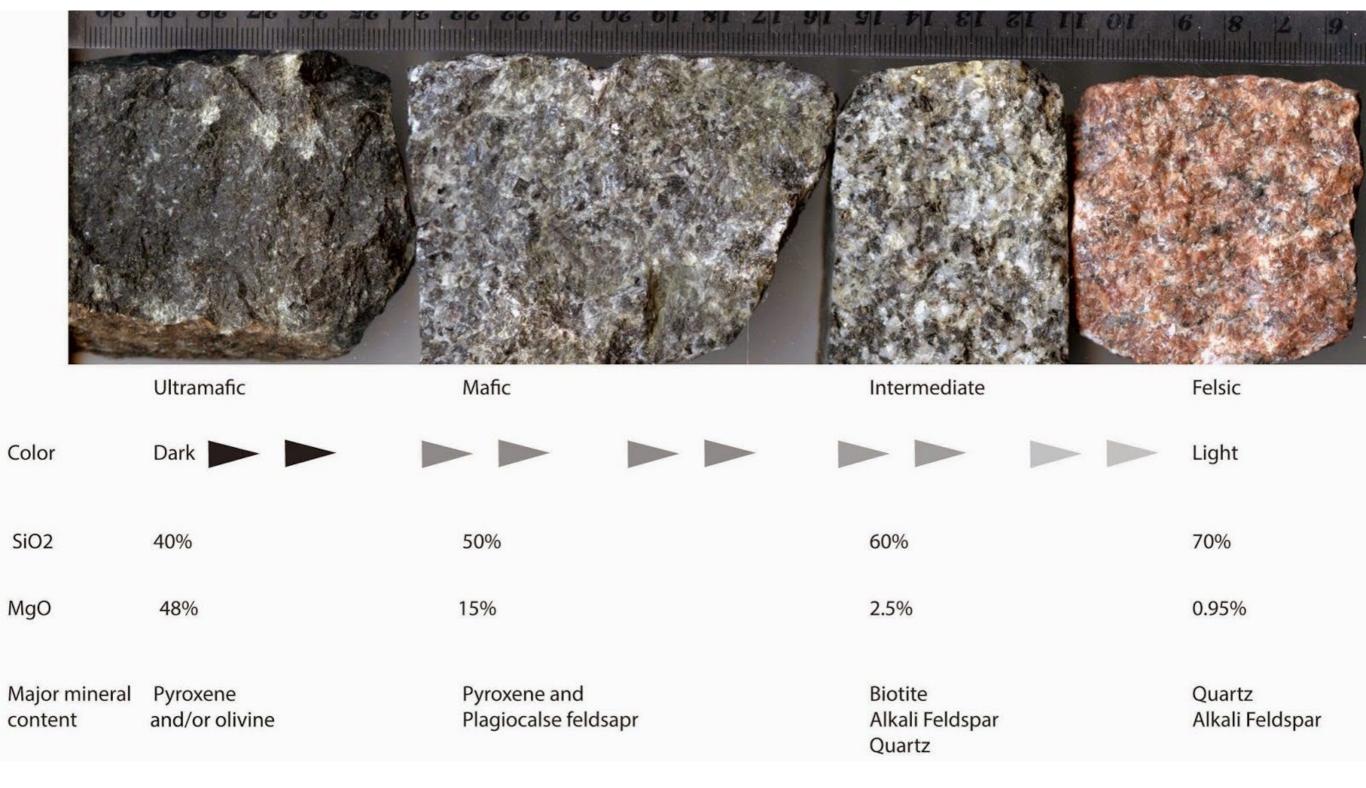


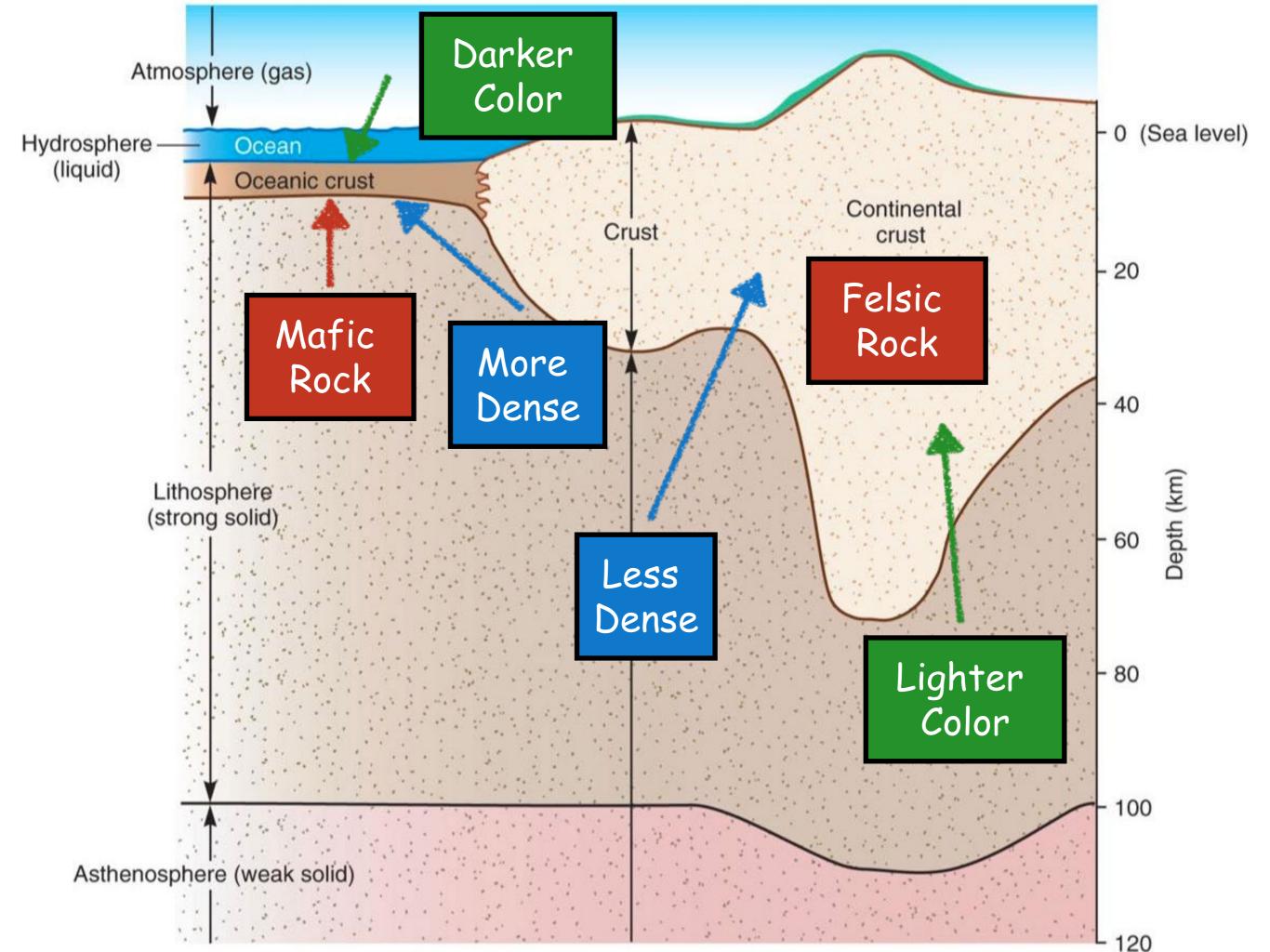


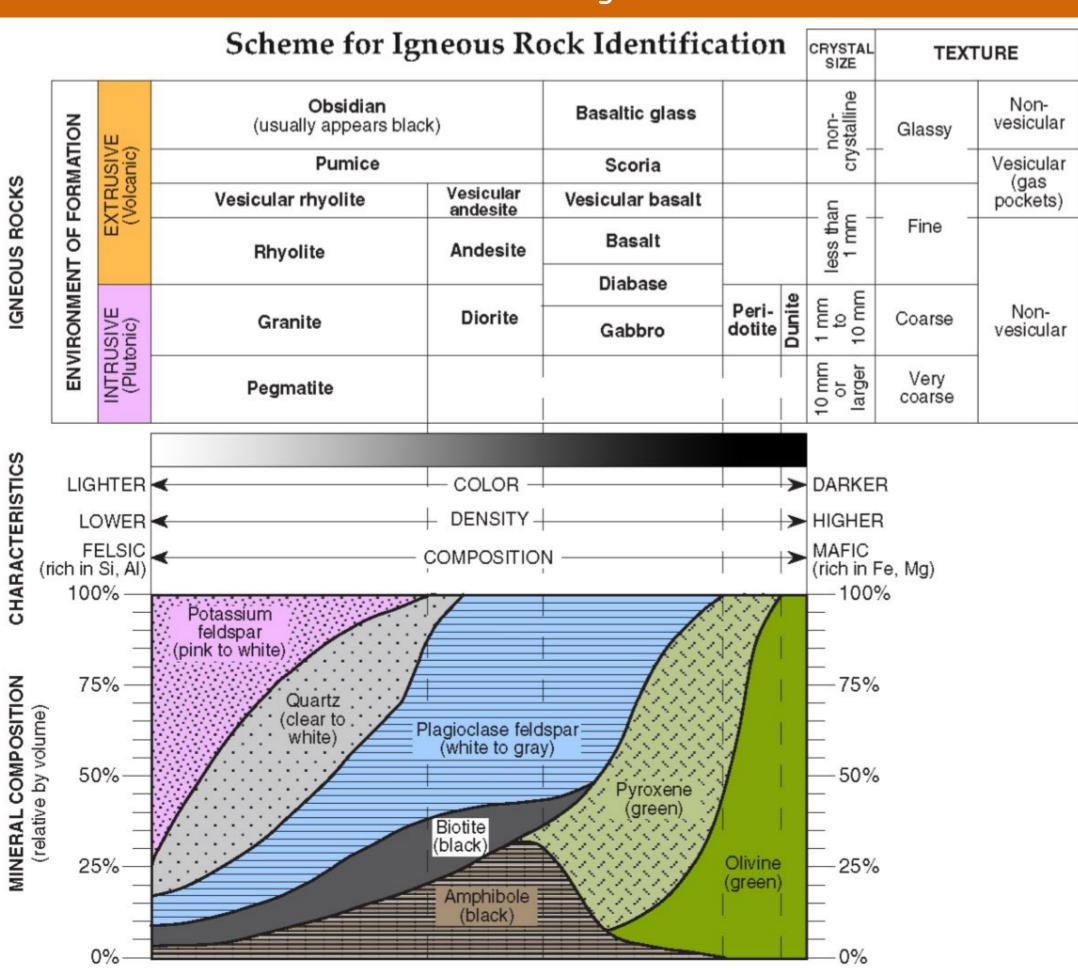


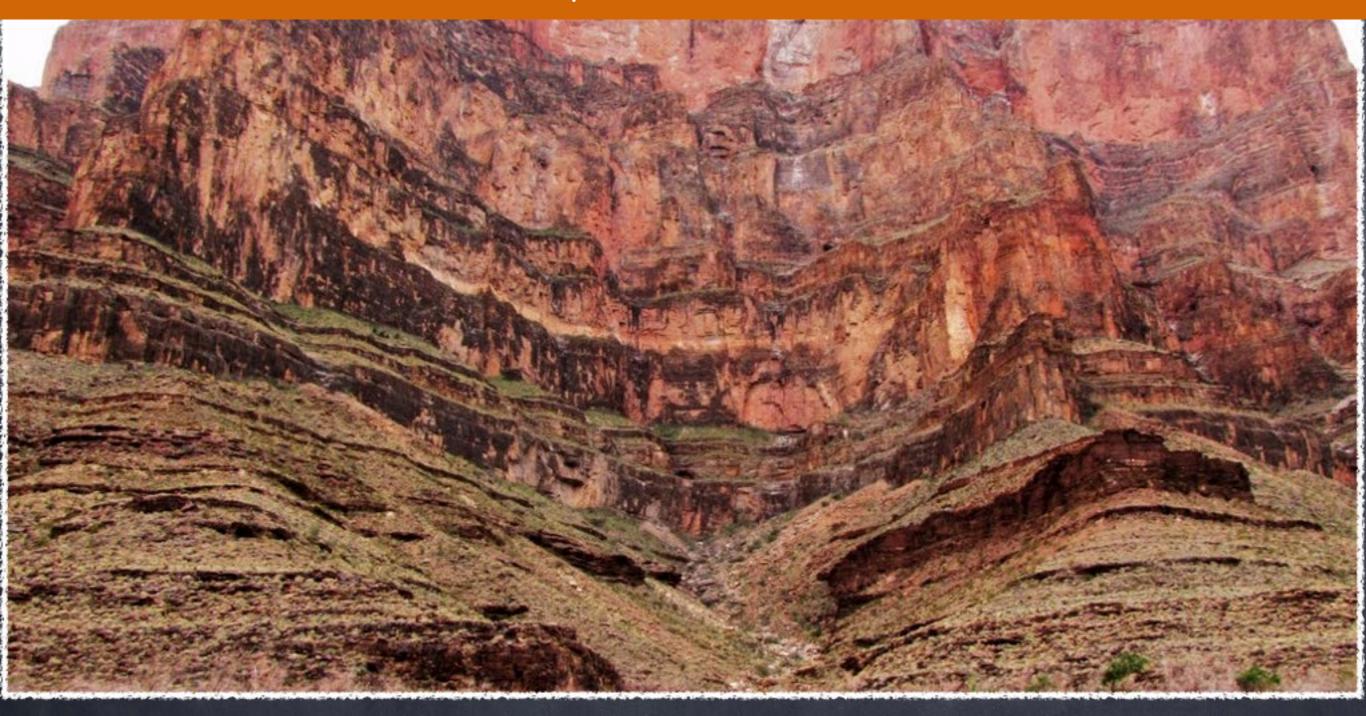
Felsic vs. Mafic

- Felsic rocks are made of less dense material usually found at Earth's surface. They are usually lighter in color.
- Mafic rocks are made of dense material usually found within Earth. They are usually darker in color.









Sedimentary Rocks

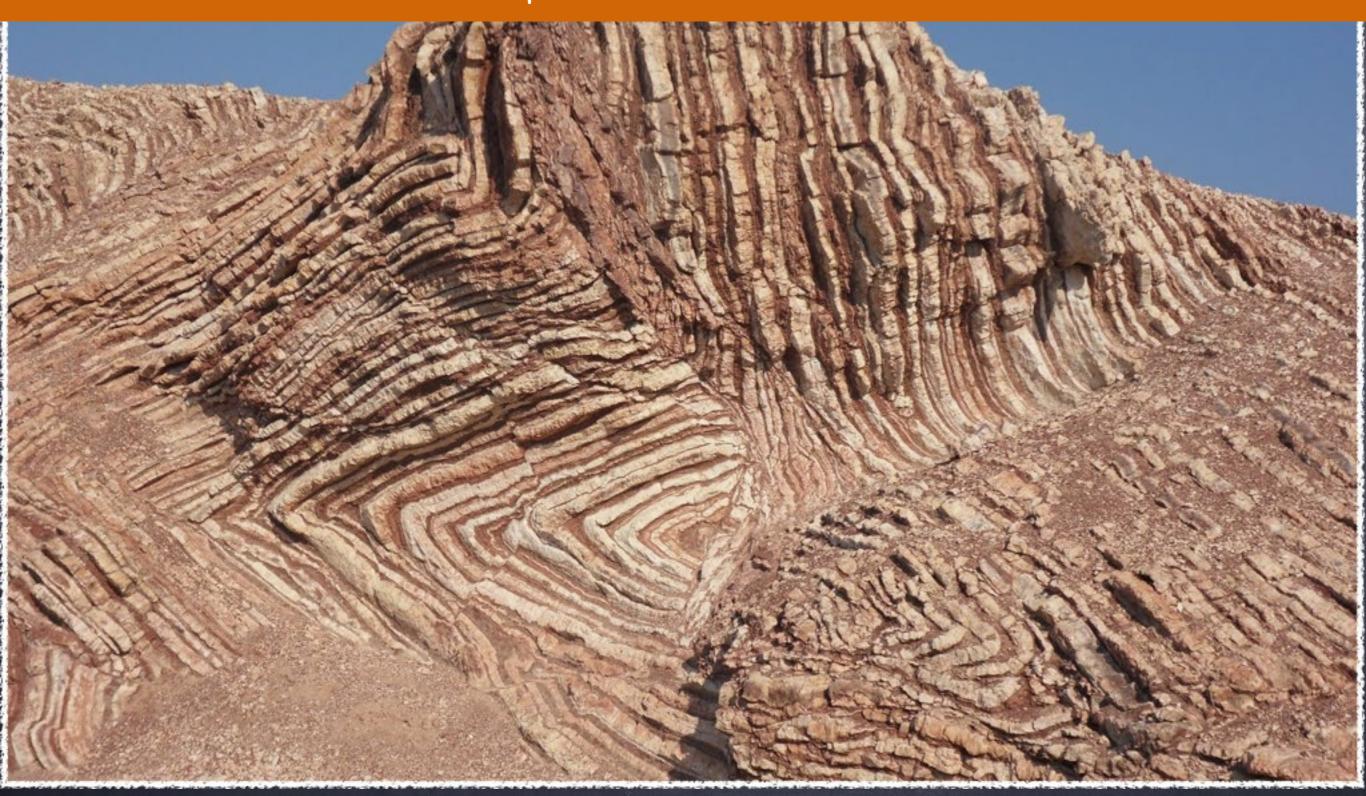
Sedimentary Rocks

- Most sedimentary rocks are made of the weathered remains of other rocks that have been eroded and later deposited as sediment in layers.
- Others may form chemically or biologically.



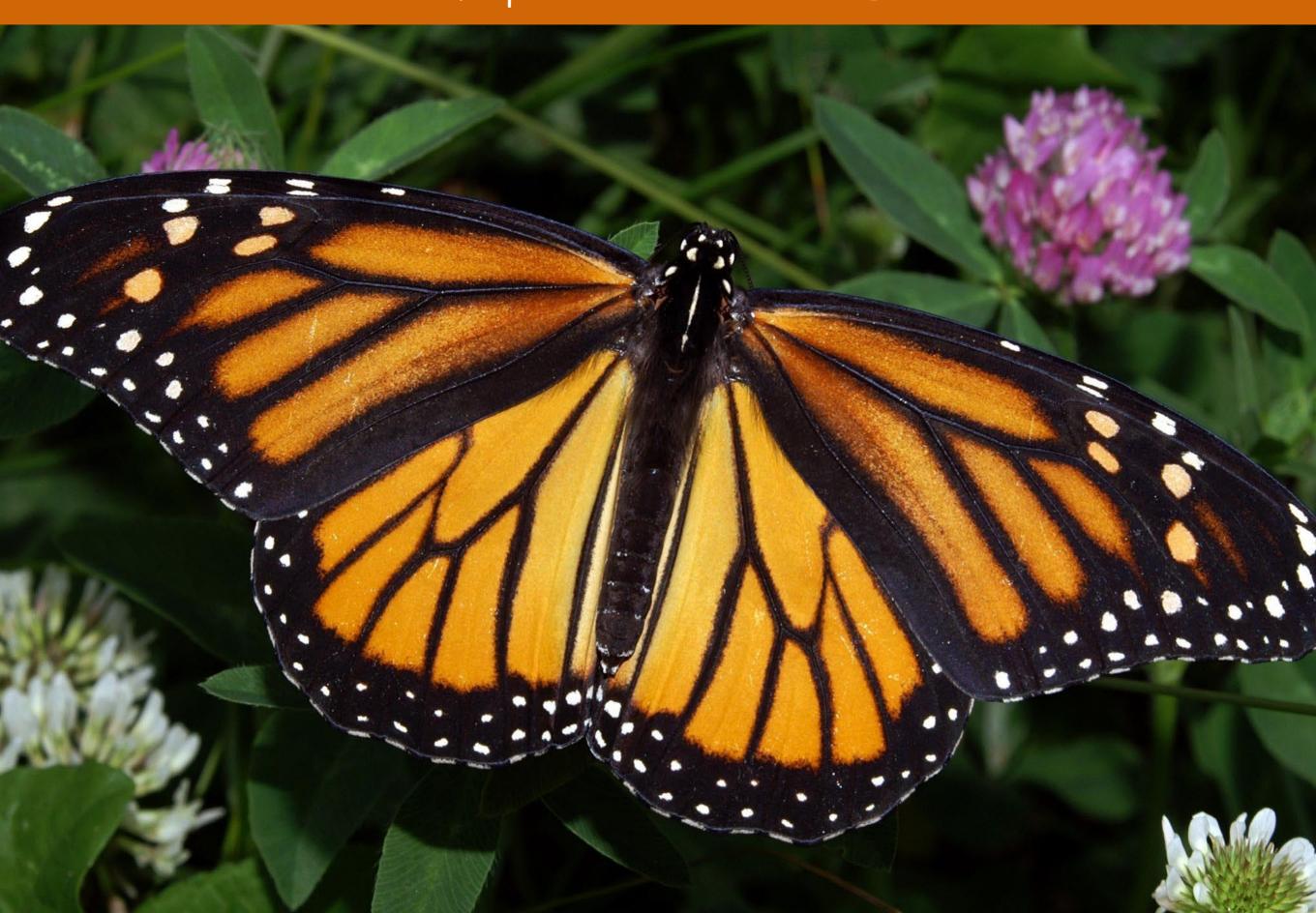
Scheme for Sedimentary Rock Identification

INORGANIC LAND-DERIVED SEDIMENTARY ROCKS											
TEXTURE	GRAIN SIZE	COMPOSITION	COMMENTS	ROCK NAME	MAP SYMBOL						
Clastic (fragmental)	Pebbles, cobbles, and/or boulders embedded in sand, silt, and/or clay	Mostly quartz, feldspar, and clay minerals; may contain fragments of other rocks	Rounded fragments	Conglomerate	3112,15						
			Angular fragments	Breccia							
	Sand (0.006 to 0.2 cm)		Fine to coarse	Sandstone							
	Silt (0.0004 to 0.006 cm)		Very fine grain	Siltstone							
	Clay (less than 0.0004 cm)	— and minerals —	Compact; may split easily	Shale							
	CHEMICALLY AND/OR ORGANICALLY FORMED SEDIMENTARY ROCKS										
TEXTURE	GRAIN SIZE	COMPOSITION	COMMENTS	ROCK NAME	MAP SYMBOL						
Crystalline	Fine to coarse — crystals	Halite	Crystals from chemical precipitates and evaporites	Rock salt							
		Gypsum		Rock gypsum							
		Dolomite		Dolostone	444						
Crystalline or bioclastic	Microscopic to	Calcite	Precipitates of biologic origin or cemented shell fragments	Limestone							
Bioclastic	very coarse	Carbon	Compacted plant remains	Bituminous coal							



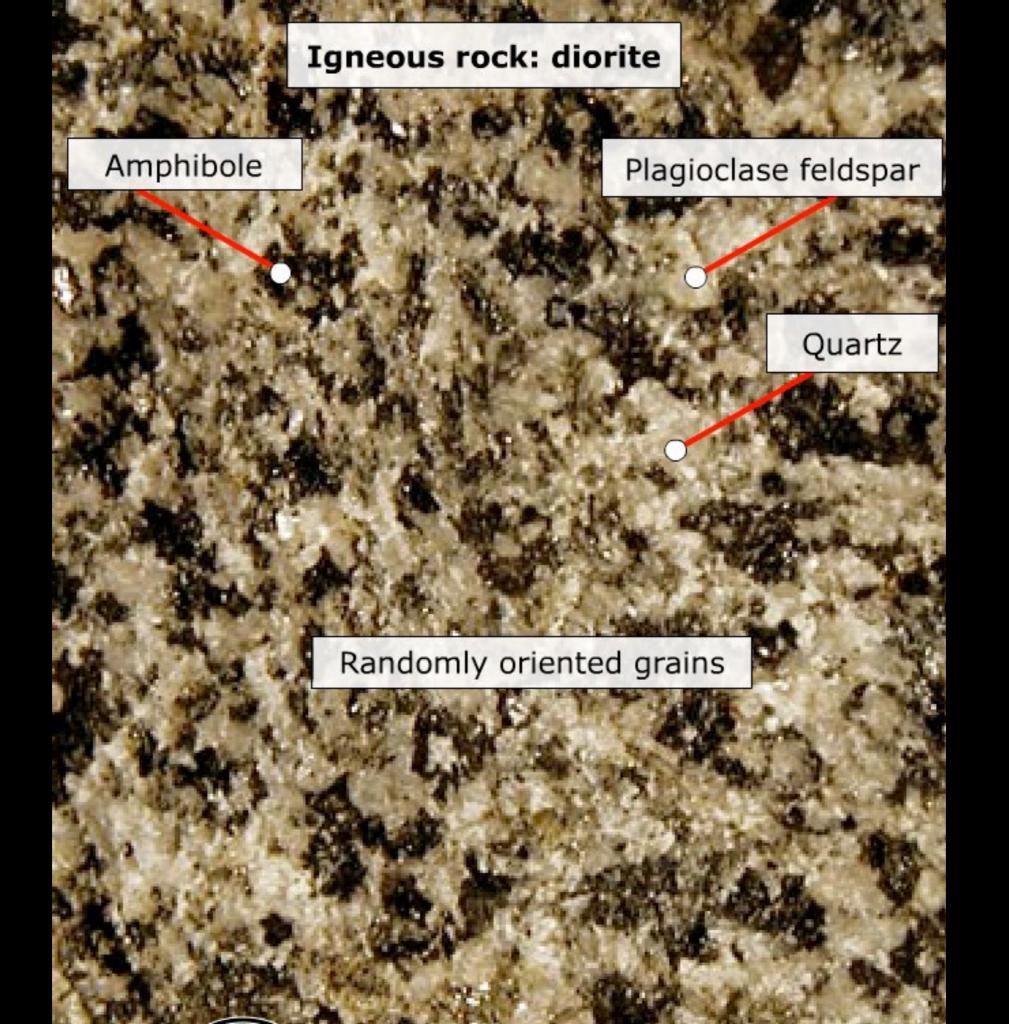
Metamorphic Rocks





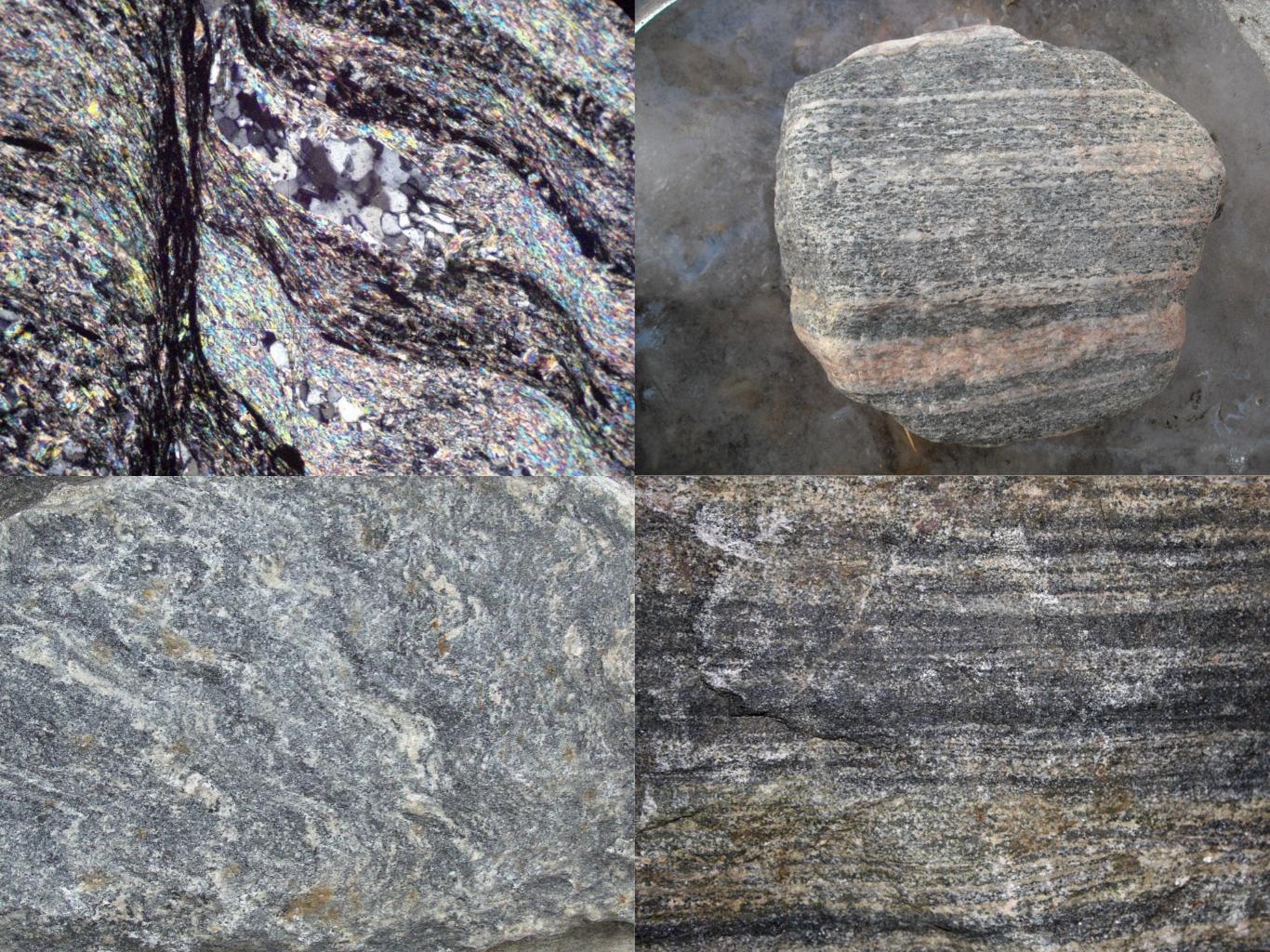
Metamorphic Rocks

- Rocks that are subjected to conditions of heat and pressure, but do not melt.
- These rocks are changed from their original form, including changes in texture, mineral content, hardness, density, as well as other visible signs of change.



Metamorphic Rocks

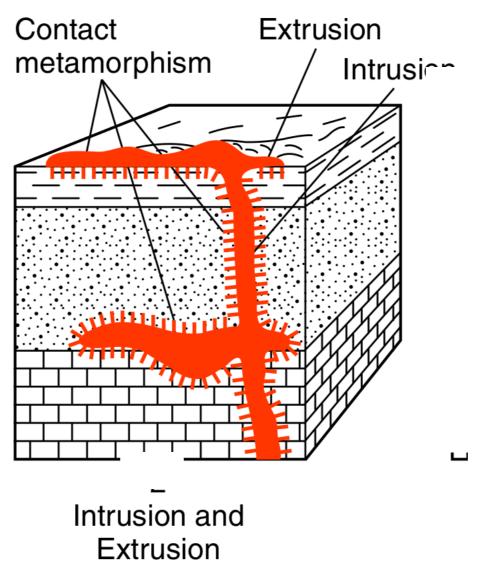
- Visible signs of change:
 - Foliation repetitive layers of parallel crystal growth formed by intense pressure.
 - Banding separation of light and dark minerals into layers.

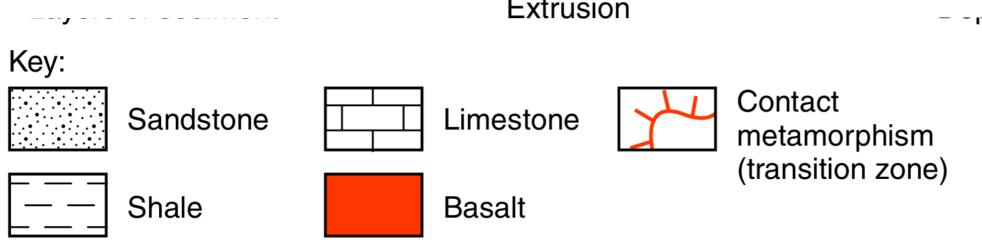


How do metamorphic rocks form?

- Need intense heat or pressure to change original rock.
 - Regional Metamorphism when a large mass of rock experiences intense heat and pressure.
 - Contact Metamorphism rocks are exposed to intense heat, but not pressure. This happens when magma or lava touches or comes near another rock.
- Recrystallization forming of different mineral crystals without melting. Leads to:
 - Larger crystals
 - New minerals
 - Foliation development



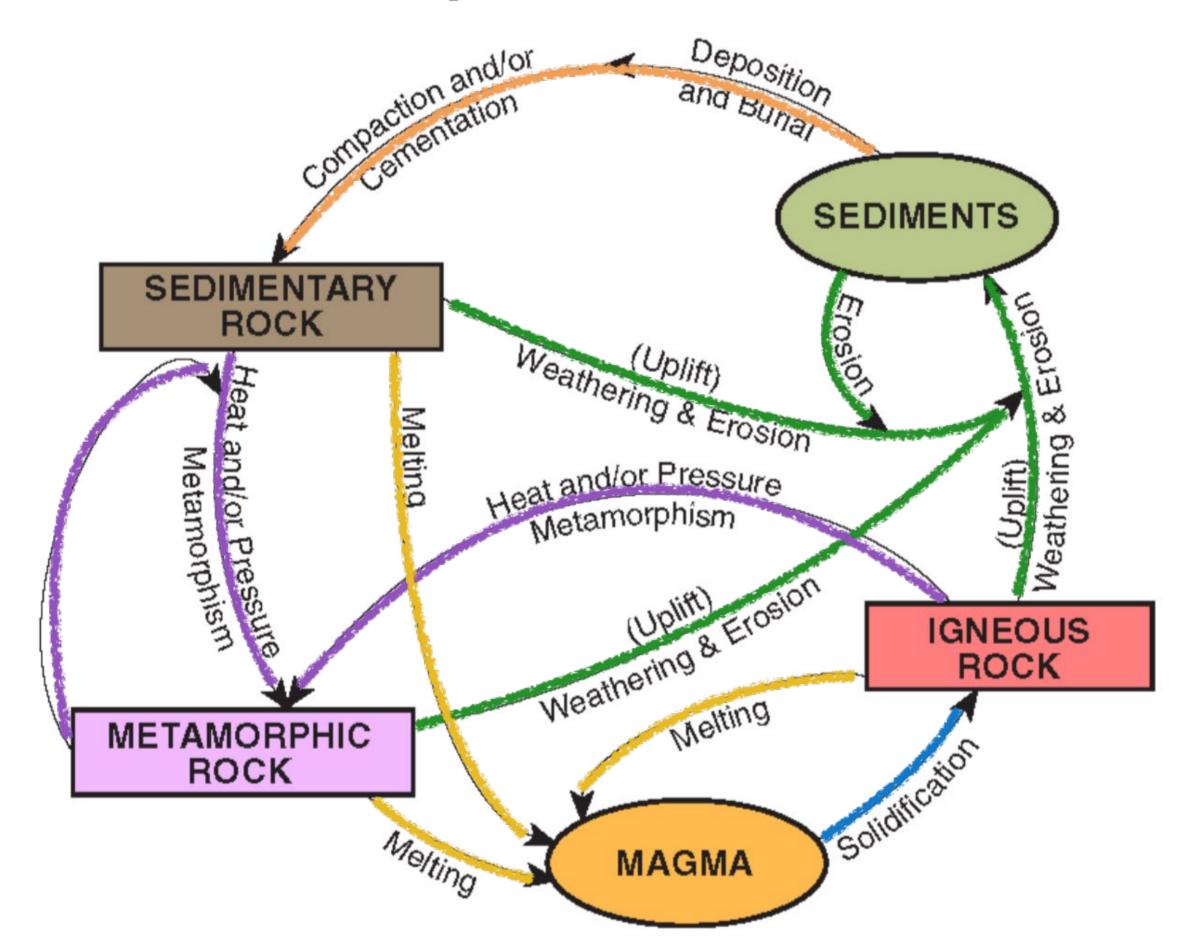




Scheme for Metamorphic Rock Identification

TE	XTURE	GRAIN SIZE	COMPOSITION	TYPE OF METAMORPHISM	COMMENTS	ROCK NAME	MAP SYMBOL
FOLIATED	MINERAL ALIGNMENT	Fine		— Regional — (Heat and pressure increases)	Low-grade metamorphism of shale	Slate	
		Fine to medium			Foliation surfaces shiny from microscopic mica crystals	Phyllite	
			ラ の 三 ラ		Platy mica crystals visible from metamorphism of clay or feldspars	Schist	
	BAND- ING	Medium to coarse	QUA FELDS AMPH GARI PYROXENE		High-grade metamorphism; mineral types segregated into bands	Gneiss	
		Fine	Carbon	Regional	Metamorphism of bituminous coal	Anthracite coal	
	NONFOLIATED	Fine	Various minerals	Contact (heat)	Various rocks changed by heat from nearby magma/lava	Hornfels	4 H H H H X T T H H
		Fine to coarse	Quartz	Danianal —	Metamorphism of quartz sandstone	Quartzite	
			Calcite and/or dolomite	Regional — or contact	Metamorphism of limestone or dolostone	Marble	
		Coarse	Various minerals		Pebbles may be distorted or stretched	Metaconglomerate	

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