

# Rocks and Minerals.

## I. Minerals

A. A mineral is 1. naturally occurring 2. inorganic 3. has a definite chemical composition 4. is a solid 5 and has a crystal structure

1. naturally occurring:

a. minerals - quartz, pyrite

b. not minerals - cement, steel

2. inorganic: not formed from living things or the remains of living things

a. Coal is NOT a mineral because it comes from plants

b. Amber is NOT a mineral because it comes from tree sap

c. Pearls is NOT a mineral because it comes from oysters

3. Definite chemical composition:

Name of Mineral	Chemical Formula	Chemical Name	Elements and No. atoms/Molecule
Halite	Na Cl	Sodium chloride	1 Sodium 1 chlorine
Quartz	Si O <sub>2</sub>	silicon dioxide	1 silicon 2 oxygen
Pyrite	Fe S <sub>2</sub>	iron sulfide	1 iron 2 sulfur
Hematite	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	iron oxide	2 iron 3 oxygen
Magnetite	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	iron oxide	3 iron 4 oxygen
calcite	Ca CO <sub>3</sub>	calcium carbonate	1 calcium 1 carbon 3 oxygen
Graphite	C	carbon	1 carbon
Diamond	C	carbon	1 carbon
Sulfur	S	Sulfur	1 sulfur

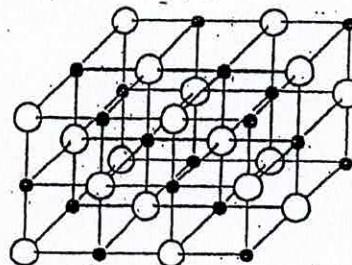
4. solids - have a definite size/volume and a definite shape

oil is NOT a mineral because it is a liquid

### 5. Crystal Structure:

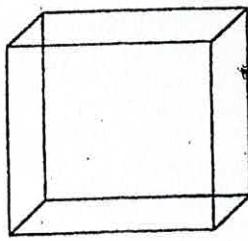
atoms arranged in repeating patterns

characteristic geometry of its internal structure of atoms.



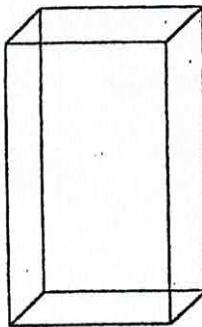
The six basic crystal systems:

CUBIC or ISOMETRIC



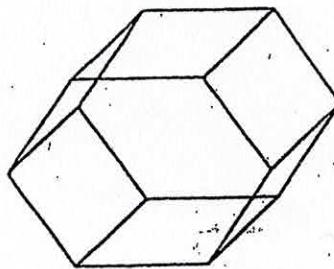
Galena, Halite, Pyrite

TETRAHEDRAL



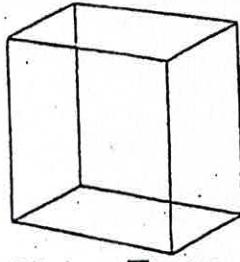
Chalcopyrite

HEXAGONAL



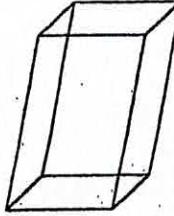
Quartz, Calcite

ORTHORHOMBIC



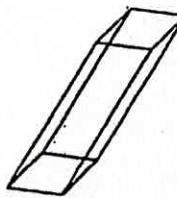
Olivine, Topaz

MONOCLINIC



Mica, Gypsum

TRICLINIC



Feldspar, Turquoise

### B. Formation of Minerals-

1. from cooling lava / magma

2. when water evaporates, dissolved minerals remain behind

When a solution (water) is saturated with minerals, minerals will settle out of solution - "precipitate"

i. Identifying Minerals - minerals can be identified by their physical and/or chemical properties.

### A. Physical Properties

#### 1. Color-

a. Some minerals have only one color:

(1) malachite - green

(2) sulfur - yellow

b. Other minerals have many colors:

(1) quartz - clear, pink (rose), purple (amethyst)  
white (milky), grey-brown (smoky) etc.

(2) hematite - black, grey, reddish brown, dark red.

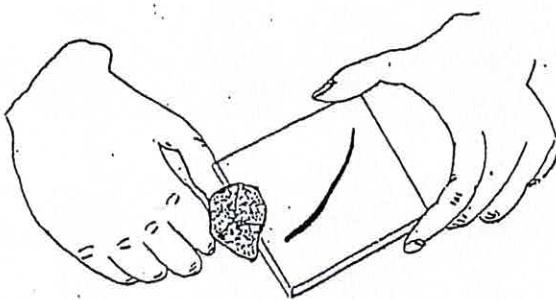
c. Color can vary as the result of:

(1) natural coloring agents - impurities

(2) Weathering, exposure to environment:  
air, temperature changes, pollution.

#### 2. Streak - the color of the powder when a mineral

is rubbed on a streak plate



a. Hematite - Colors: dark red

reddish brown

gray

black

Streak:

reddish brown

b. Quartz - Colors: colorless

variety of colors

Streak:

white / colorless

3. **Luster** - the way a mineral shines or reflects light from its surface

a. Metallic - shines/reflects light like the surface of polished metal.

examples: galena, pyrite, graphite, magnetite.

b. Nonmetallic - non-metal

(1) pearly - Mica

(2) glassy - quartz, halite

(3) dull, earthy - bauxite

(4) waxy - talc

(5) brilliant - diamond

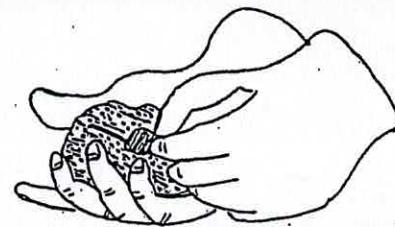
4. **Hardness** - a measure of how easily a mineral can be scratched

a. Softest mineral - talc

b. Hardest mineral - diamond

c. **Moh's Hardness Scale** essrt pg 16

NUMBER	NAME OF MINERAL
1	talc
2	gypsum
3	calcite
4	fluorite
5	apatite
6	Feldspar
7	quartz
8	topaz
9	corundum
10	diamond



#### HARDNESS OF COMMON OBJECTS

2.5 fingernail



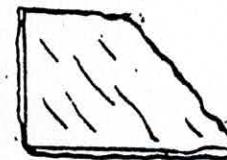
3.5 copper



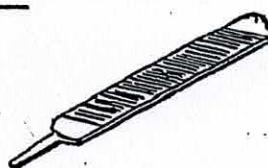
4.5 iron nail



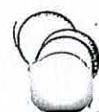
5.5 glass



6.5 Steel file

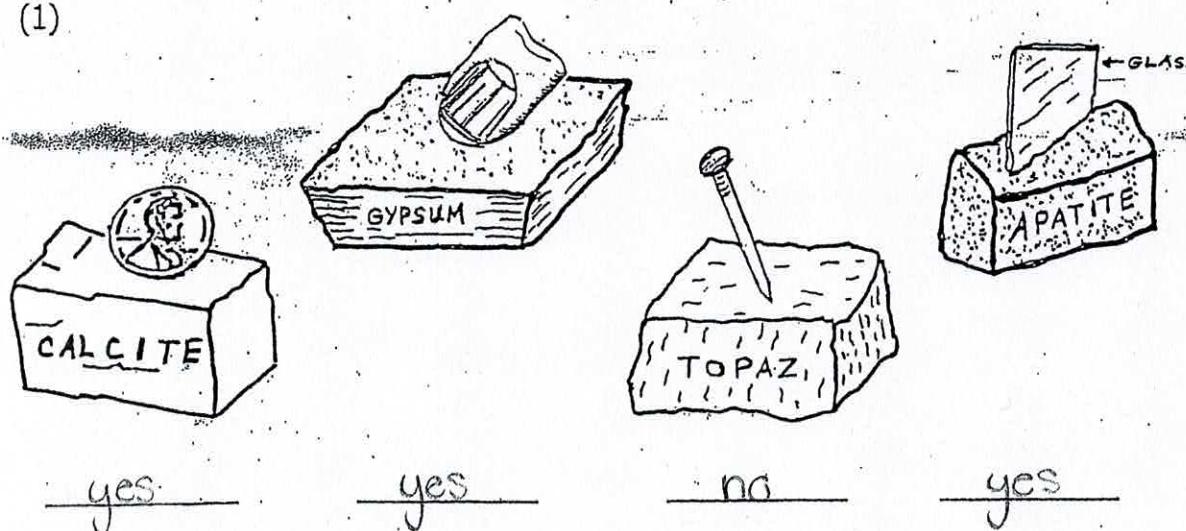


7 streak plate

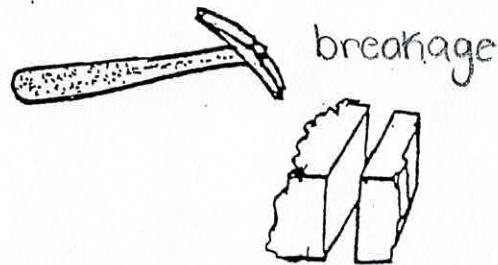


## d. Testing Hardness (yes/no)

(1)

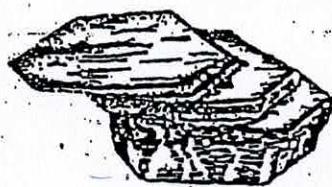
(2) (a) Will the mineral fluorite, hardness 4, be scratched by:a piece of glass? yesyour fingernail? noan iron nail? yes(b) Will the mineral quartz, hardness 7, be scratched by:a piece of glass? noa copper penny? noa steel file? noe. What determines Hardness? - internal arrangement of atoms

## 5. Cleavage and Fracture -

no cleavagea. Cleavage - when a mineral splits along smooth flat structures

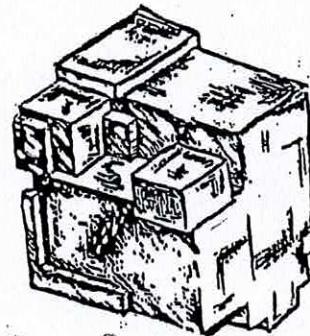
(1) examples of cleavage:

(a) The mineral mica cleaves in  
one direction(s).



(b) The mineral galena cleaves in  
 → three direction(s).

(halite also breaks in 3 direction(s))



\*on Friday

(2) What determines cleavage?

internal arrangement of atoms

(3) Cleavage should NOT be confused with crystal shape. Cleavage is a property of the way a mineral breaks, while crystal shape is a property of the way a mineral grows. When minerals have plenty of space to grow, they form crystals.

b. Fracture - when a mineral breaks unevenly into

(no cleavage) curved or irregular pieces with rough jagged surfaces

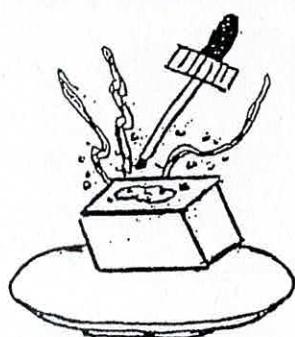


(1) examples of minerals that show fracture:

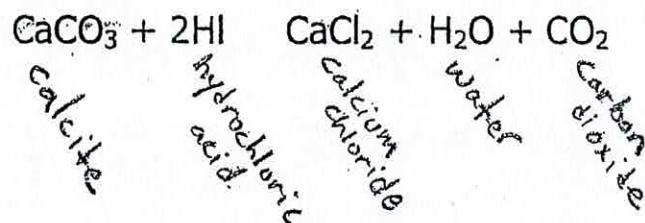
Sulfur, bauxite, hematite, quartz

6. **Density or Heft** - due to the kinds of atoms a mineral contains, and how closely packed the atoms are, different mineral samples of the same size have different densities and feel heavier or lighter when lifted (or measured). A piece of gold has 8 times as much mass as a piece of halite that is the same size.

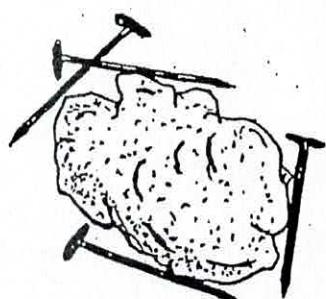
## B. Chemical Properties



calcite reacts with hydrochloric acid. It forms bubbles of carbon dioxide gas.



## C. Special Properties -

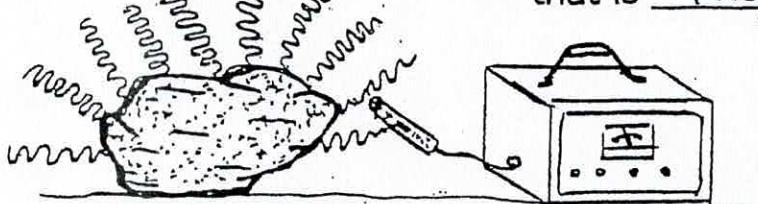


Lodestone, a form of the mineral magnetic, is naturally magnetic.

Iceland spar, a form of the mineral calcite, produces double refraction.



Pitchblende is an example of a mineral that is radioactive.



## II. Uses of Minerals

A. Ore - a mineral that contains metal and nonmetals that can be mined and removed in usable amounts for a profit.

1. Metals - elements that have shiny surfaces and are able to conduct heat and electricity

a. examples

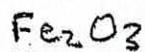
METAL

MINERAL(S)

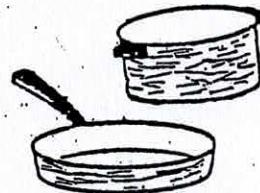
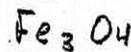
USE

1. Iron

hematite

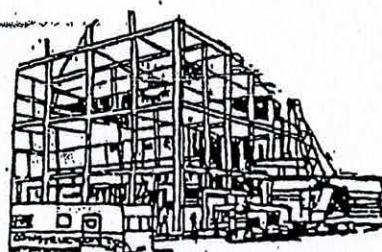
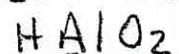
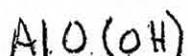
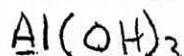


magnetite



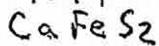
2. aluminum

bauxite

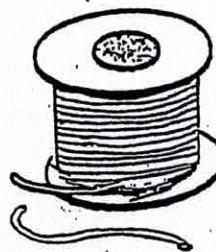
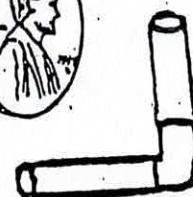
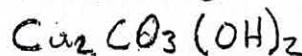


3. Copper

Chalcopyrite

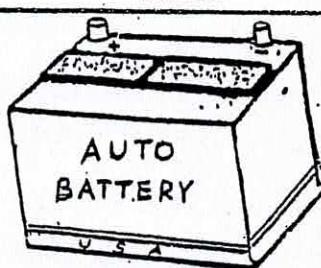


malachite



4. Lead

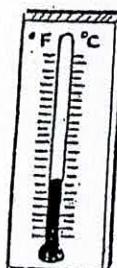
galena



## METAL

## MINERAL(S)

## USE

5. SilverArgenite  
 $\text{Ag}_2\text{S}_2$ 6. goldGold  
Au7. mercuryCinnabar  
 $\text{HgS}$ 

b. alloy - a mixture of two or more metals or a mixture of metals and nonmetals.

1. tin + copper → bronze

2. copper + zinc → brass

3. iron + chromium + limestone → Steel

4. lead + tin → tin

— 2. Nonmetals – elements that have dull surfaces and are poor conductors of heat and electricity.

## MINERAL(S)

## USE

a.

Halite

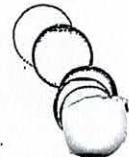
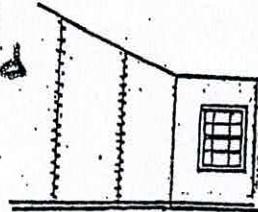
table  
salt

## MINERAL(S)

b. gypsum

USE

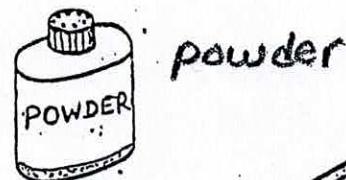
wallboard



c. Sulfur



d. talc



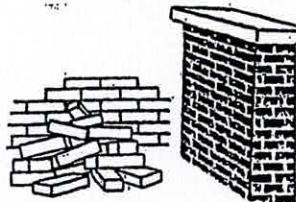
powder

pencil "lead"

e. graphite

pencil "lead"

f. Kaolinite



bricks

g. calcite

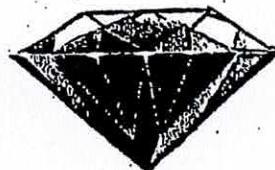


cement

## B. GEMS - minerals that have the following desirable qualities:



hardness, color, luster  
clarity, durability, rarity



1. precious stones - diamonds, rubies, sapphires, emeralds
2. semiprecious stones - amethyst, garnet, topaz
3. gems that are NOT minerals - pearls, amber

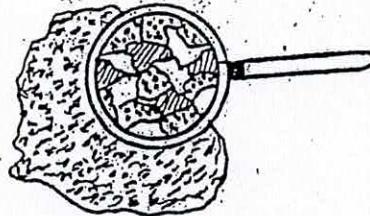
# Petrology

## I. CLASSIFICATION OF ROCKS

A. Rocks are classified on the basis of their formation or origin.

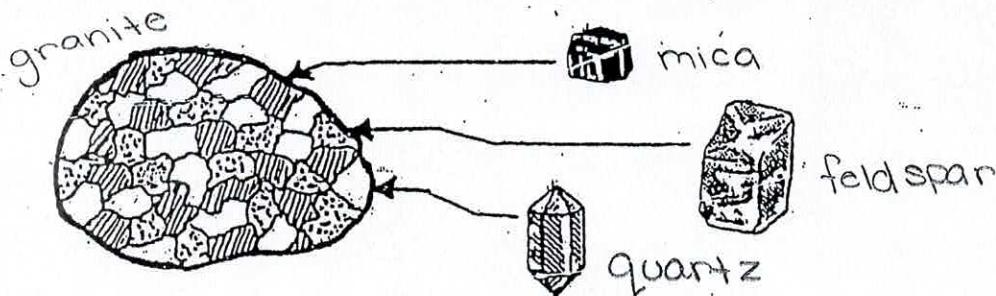
B. The three groups of rocks are:

1. Sedimentary
2. igneous
3. metamorphic



## II. ROCKS IN RELATION TO MINERALS

A. Many kinds of rocks are composed of minerals.



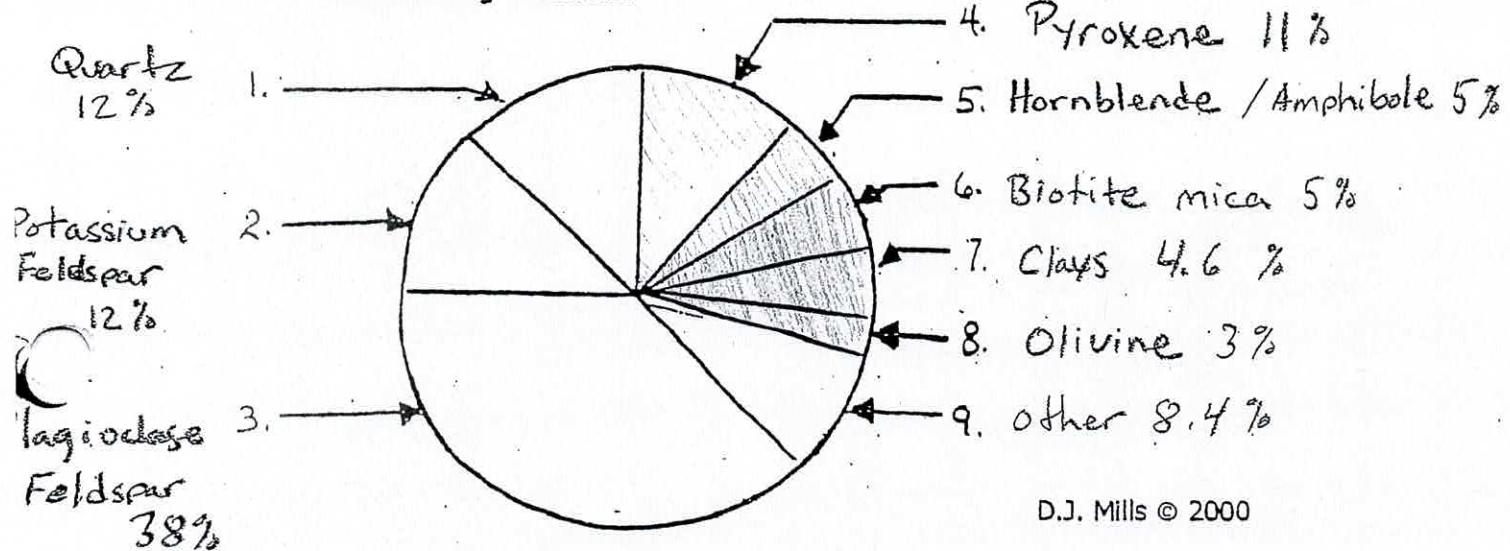
B. Some rocks are monomineralic - composed of only one (limestone → calcite) example: Calcite → Limestone.

C. Most rocks are Polymineralic - composed of two or more minerals (granite)

D. LETTERS: WORDS::MINERALS:ROCKS

E. There are almost 3000 types of minerals, but only 8 of these minerals (mineral families) make-up 90 % of the rocks of Earth's crust.

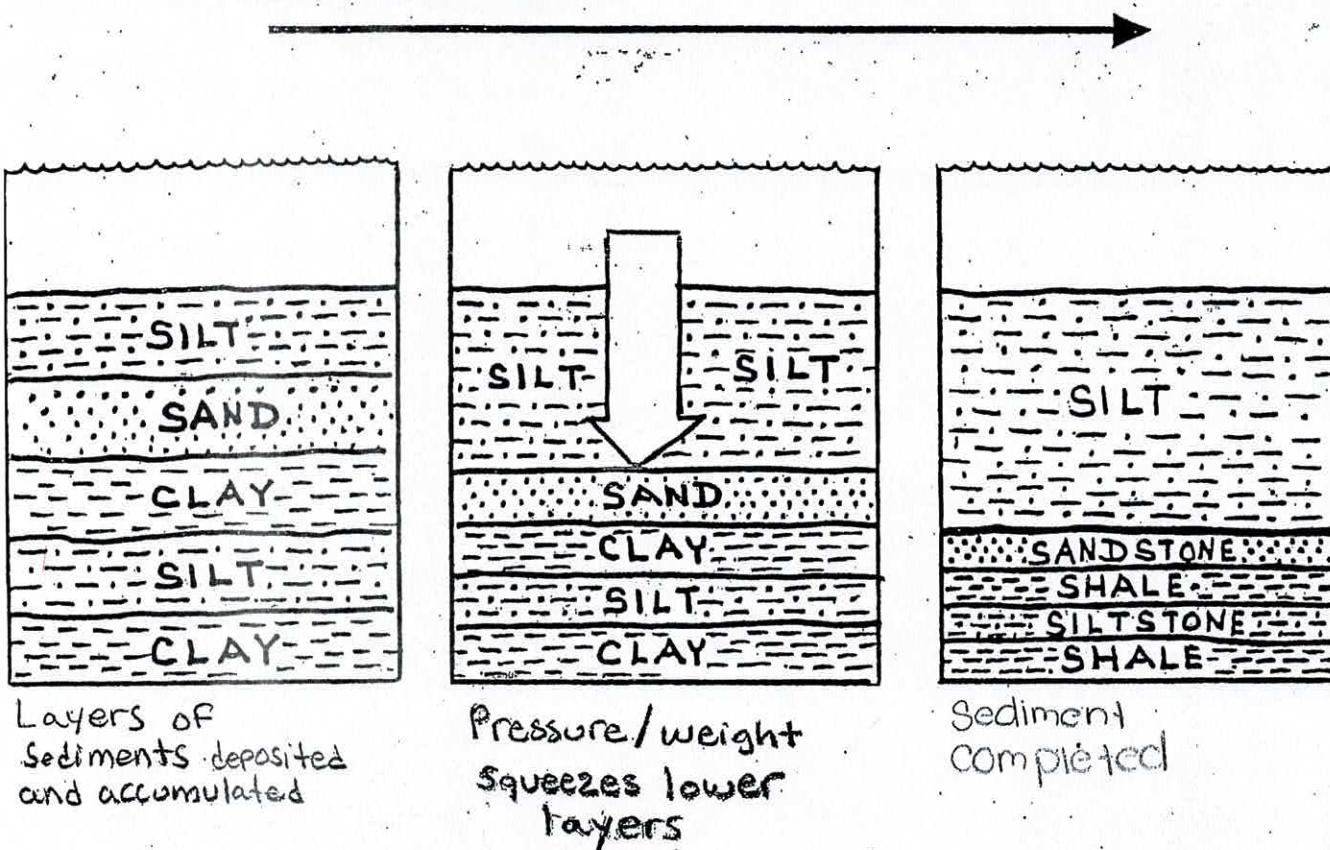
F. Common rock-forming minerals:



### III. SEDIMENTARY ROCKS

A. Rocks that usually form in layers from the accumulation of sediments, organic matter, or chemical precipitates

1. Most sedimentary rocks are made-up of solid sediments that have been weathered from other rocks. The weathered sediments are then eroded (transported) by water, wind, and moving ice. Eventually the eroded sediments are deposited at new locations either in water or on land. Most sedimentary rocks form in layers underwater in lakes, seas or oceans.
2. From sediments to rocks:



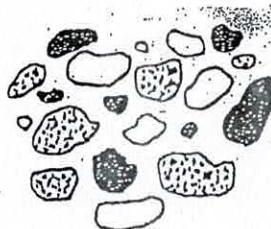
#### B. Types of Sedimentary Rocks

Type — 1. Clastic (land-derived) - form from rock particles / sediments that are pressed and cemented together

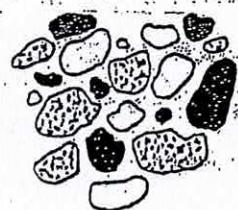
- a. Compaction - pressed by weight of overlying rock.
- b. Cementation - glued by natural cement in water (calcite).

individual particles  
of rock - sediment

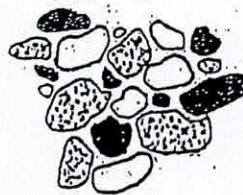
pressure



after deposition



Compaction



Cementation

c.

ROCK NAME	GRAIN SIZE (CM)	COMMENT	MAP SYMBOL
Conglomerate	bo <b>ulders</b>	Various size rock	○ ○ ○ ○ ○
	25.6	Particles and mud	○ ○ ○ ○ ○
Breccia	cob <b>bles</b>	Silt and sand	□ □ □ □ □
	6.4	cemented together	□ □ □ □ □
Sandstone	sand	Fine to coarse grains cemented together	· · · · · · · ·
Siltstone	silt	very fine grained	— — — — —
Shale	clay	compact, may split easily	— — — — —

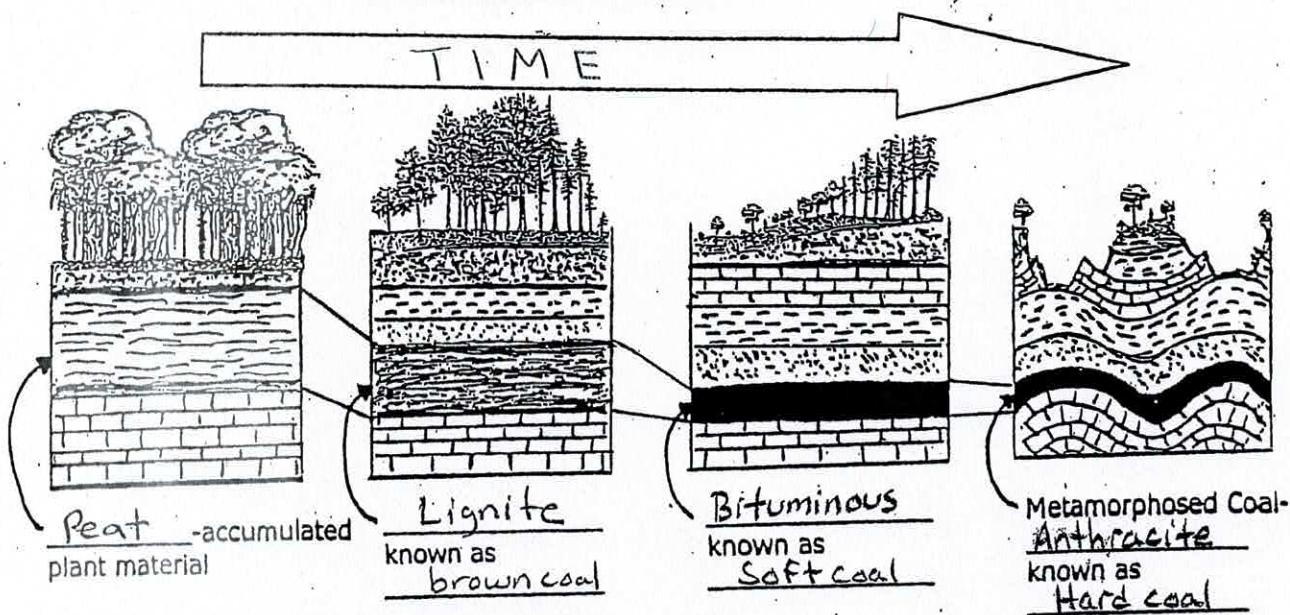
2nd Type — 2. Chemical Sedimentary - form from dissolved minerals in water that settle-out / precipitate. Dissolved minerals left behind when water evaporates

ROCK NAME	COMPOSITION	COMMENT	MAP SYMBOL
Limestone	calcite	Minerals dissolved in water precipitate out and forms as crystals on the sea floor	Horizontal lines
Rock Salt	halite		Vertical lines
Rock gypsum	gypsum	Includes evaporites	Diagonal lines
dolostone	Dolomite	Changed form of limestone	Diagonal lines with vertical lines

-d. Type - 3. Organic Sedimentary - form from the accumulation  
 (bioclastic) of plant/animal matter that undergoes a transformation  
 into rock

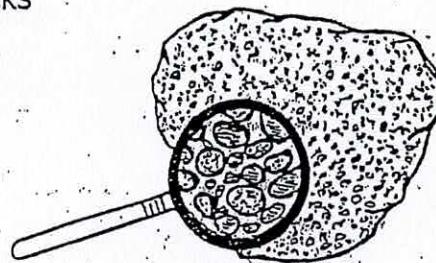
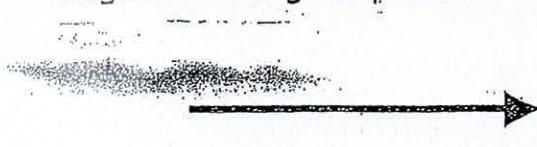
ROCK NAME	COMPOSITION/COMMENT	MAP SYMBOL
limestone	Cemented shell fragments	Horizontal lines with vertical lines
Coal	Carbon from plant remains	Horizontal lines with diagonal lines

### Formation of Coal



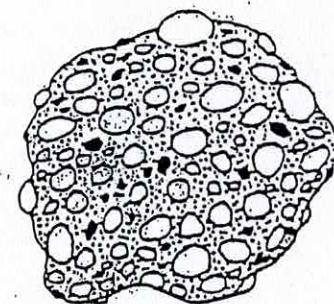
## C. Important characteristics of sedimentary rocks

1. They are composed of rock fragments or organic particles.



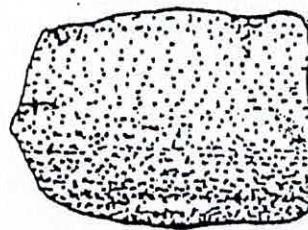
- a. Some have a range of particle or sediment size

Conglomerate →



- b. Others consist mainly of one size of sediments – due to sorting during deposition

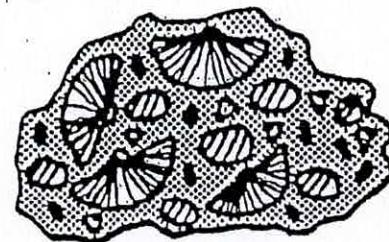
Sandstone →



2. Some are organic – they form from plant and animal remains

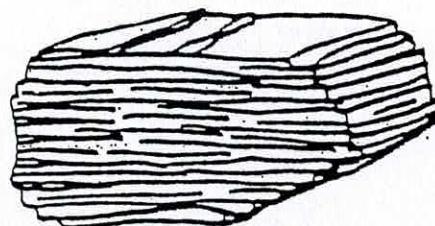
fossils

Fossil limestone →



3. Split easily

Shale →

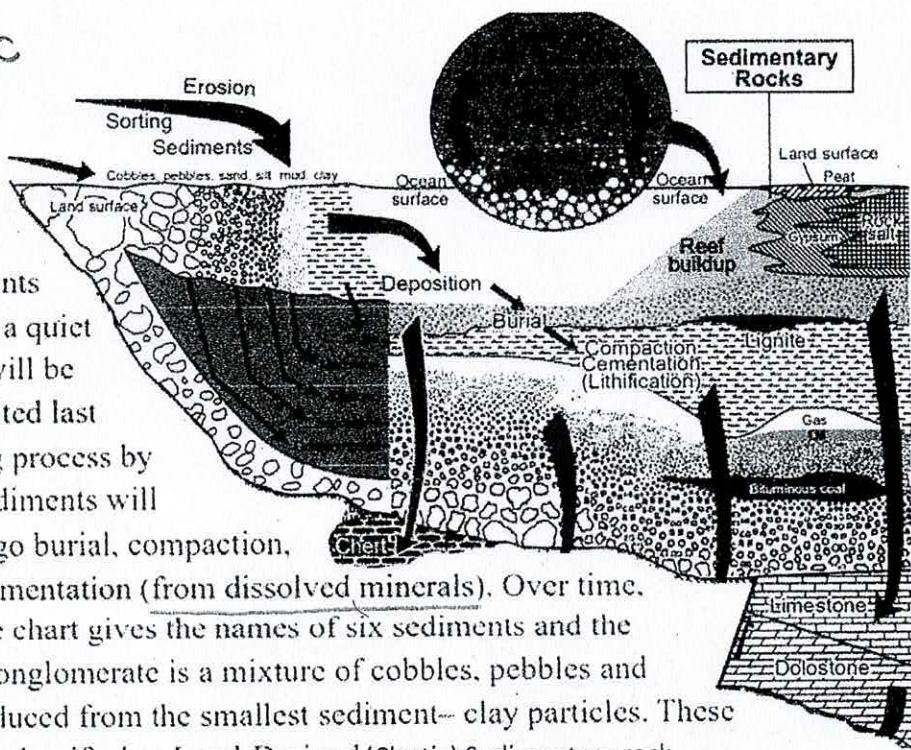


## Sedimentary Rock E.S.S.R.T PG 14

**CLASTIC**

### Sedimentary Rock Section:

Mechanical (physical) and chemical weathering forces act on rocks at or near the surface. These forces break down solid bedrock to smaller sediments that can be eroded away. If they enter a quiet body of water, the largest sediments will be deposited first and the smallest deposited last and farthest out. This creates a sorting process by size and density. The different size sediments will produce different rocks as they undergo burial, compaction, (from the weight above them), and cementation (from dissolved minerals). Over time, different sedimentary rocks form. The chart gives the names of six sediments and the resulting rocks they form. The rock conglomerate is a mixture of cobbles, pebbles and other smaller sediments. Shale is produced from the smallest sediment- clay particles. These six rocks formed from sediments are classified as Land-Derived (Clastic) Sedimentary rock.



Other classifications of sedimentary rocks are the following:

Chemically formed sedimentary rocks – Limestone and dolostone are chemically formed sedimentary rocks. Both contain the mineral calcite, which reacts with acid. Concentrated dissolved minerals can be released or precipitated out of a solution and accumulate on the bottom of the water source. When these “released” minerals become cemented. This process can form rocks rock gypsum and rock salt.

Organic sedimentary Rocks - Limestone containing pieces of seashells is organic. Another organic rock is coal. Organic Material can accumulate in bogs or swamps. Overtime this material gets compressed to form first peat, then lignite and then bituminous coal-all are different grades of coal. At the upper right side of the chart shows “Reef buildup.” Coral is a type of organic biochemical rock produced by coral polyps secreting layers of calcium carbonate. Oil and natural gas are trapped and now contain these resources.

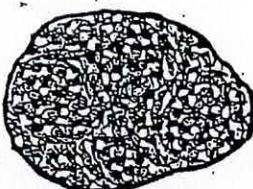
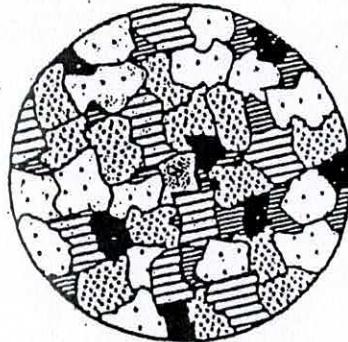
**IV. IGNEOUS ROCKS**

A. forms from the cooling and solidification/ crystallization of molten lava and magma

1. When molten(liquid) lava or magma cools and solidifies, crystals of different minerals form the rock.

a. The rock contains a crystalline structure of intergrown crystals of different sizes, shapes and composition.

b.

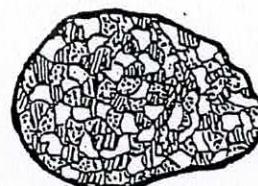
**B. Types of Igneous Rocks**

1st Type - 1. extrusive / Volcanic

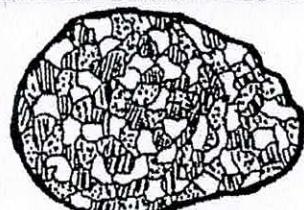
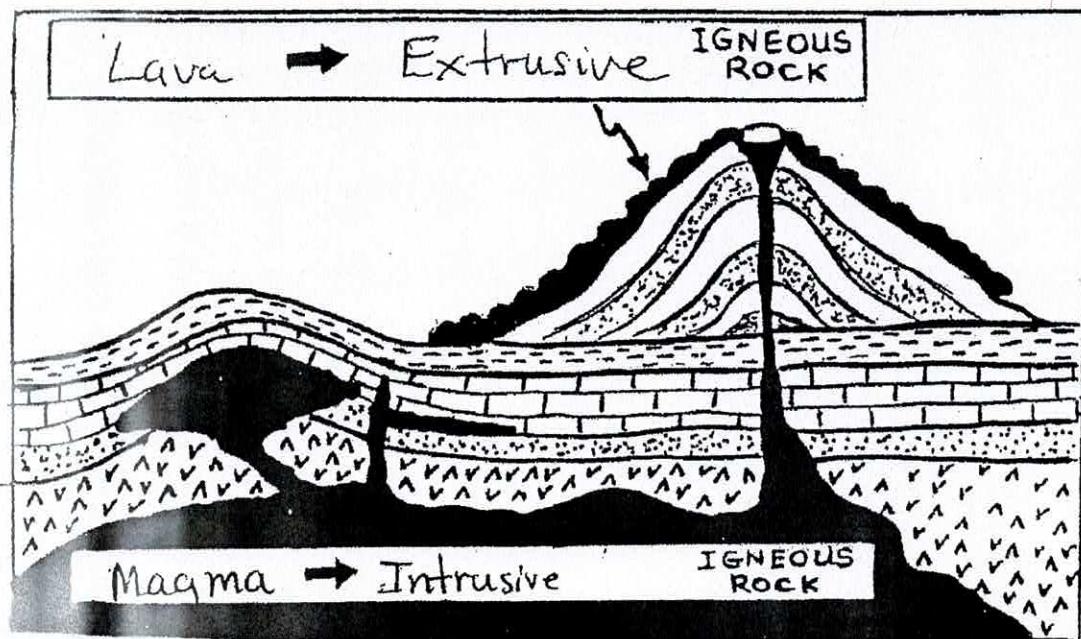
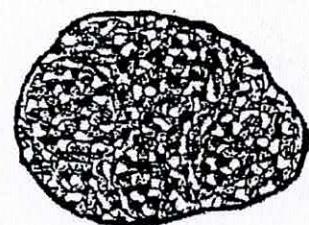
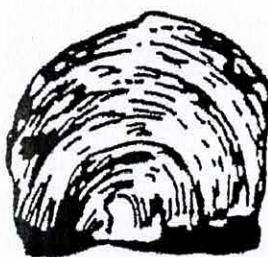
forms from the fast cooling of lava  
on or near Earth's surface. Fast cooling  
does NOT allow time for crystals to  
grow. Rocks have small or no crystals  
& therefore a smooth/fine texture.

2nd Type - 2. intrusive / Plutonic

forms from slow cooling of magma  
within the Earth. Slow cooling allows  
time for large crystals to grow.  
Rocks have large crystals - therefore  
a coarse/rough texture



3.



Names

igneous rocks

## Scheme for Igneous Rock Identification

CHARACTERISTICS

				CRYSTAL SIZE	Texture
ENVIRONMENT OF FORMATION					
INTRUSIVE (Plutonic)	EXTRUSIVE (Volcanic)	Obsidian (usually appears black)	Basaltic glass		
	Pumice		Scoria		
	Vesicular rhyolite	Vesicular andesite	Vesicular basalt		Vesicular (gas pockets)
	Rhyolite	Andesite	Basalt		Fine
	Granite	Diorite	Diabase		
	Pegmatite		Gabbro	Peridotite	Coarse
				Dunite	
				1 mm to 10 mm	
				10 mm or larger	Very coarse

↓                  ↓                  ↓                  ↓                  ↓

LIGHTER ←                  COLOR                  → DARKER

LOWER ←                  DENSITY                  → HIGHER

FELSIC (rich in Si, Al) ←                  COMPOSITION                  → MAFIC (rich in Fe, Mg)

Mafic igneous rocks -

The magma reaches very high temp ( can still cool down fast or slow depending on environment ) when crystallization occurs the minerals rich in mafic which mean the minerals have more iron , magnesium and calcium.

Felsic igneous rocks -

The magma is lower in temp ( can still cool down fast or slow depending on environment ) when crystallization occurs the minerals are rich in Felsic which mean the minerals have more silica , potassium and sodium.

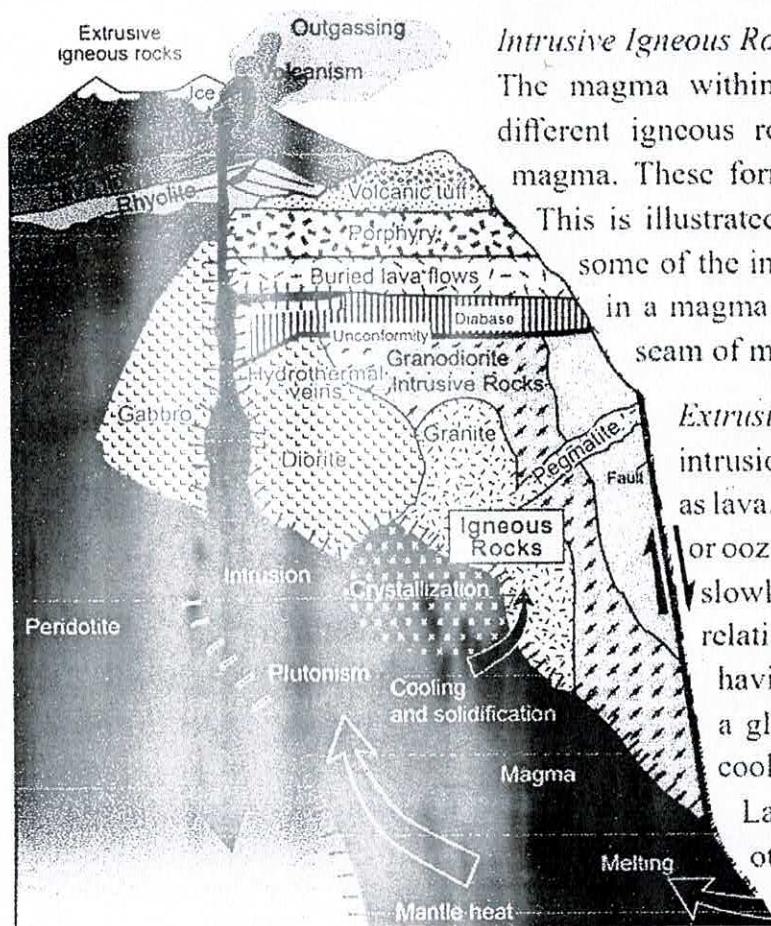
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Igneous Rock Types
Ultramafic
•komatiite
•peridotite
Mafic
•basalt
•gabbro
Intermediate
•andesite
•diorite
Felsic
•rhyolite
•granite

## Igneous Rock E.S.S.R.T PG 14

### Igneous Rock Section:

Igneous rocks formed from melted molten rock cooled and solidified. Magma produces intrusive rocks, while lava produces extrusive igneous rocks.



**Intrusive Igneous Rocks** – A magma chamber is a large pool of magma. The magma within cools very slowly and eventually may form different igneous rocks based on the mineral composition of the magma. These formed intrusive rocks will exhibit visible crystals. This is illustrated around the word crystallization. Above this are some of the intrusive rocks (granite, diorite, etc.) that may form in a magma chamber. The diagrammed igneous intrusion is a seam of magma that cuts through existing rocks.

**Extrusive Igneous Rocks** – As shown in the diagram, intrusions bring magma to the surface, and now it's known as lava. Lava can be violently ejected by volcanic eruptions or ooze out of a deep crustal opening producing a lava flow, slowly spreading outward. In all cases, lava cools relatively quickly, either producing very small crystals, having a fine texture, or lacking any crystals, having a glassy texture. The composition of the lava and its cooling rate can form different extrusive igneous rocks.

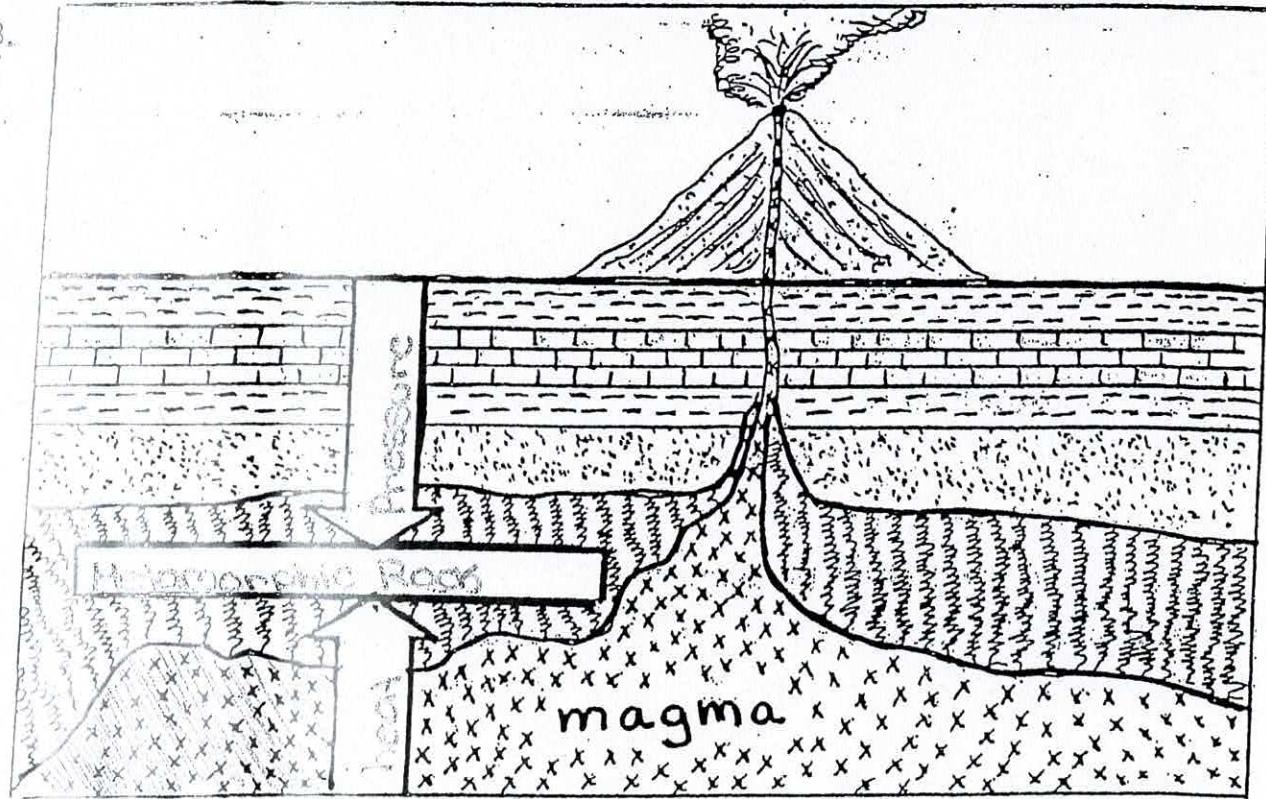
Later volcanic eruptions can cover lava flows and other extrusive rock layers. The diagram shows two buried lava flows and four extrusive igneous rocks.

## V: METAMORPHIC ROCKS

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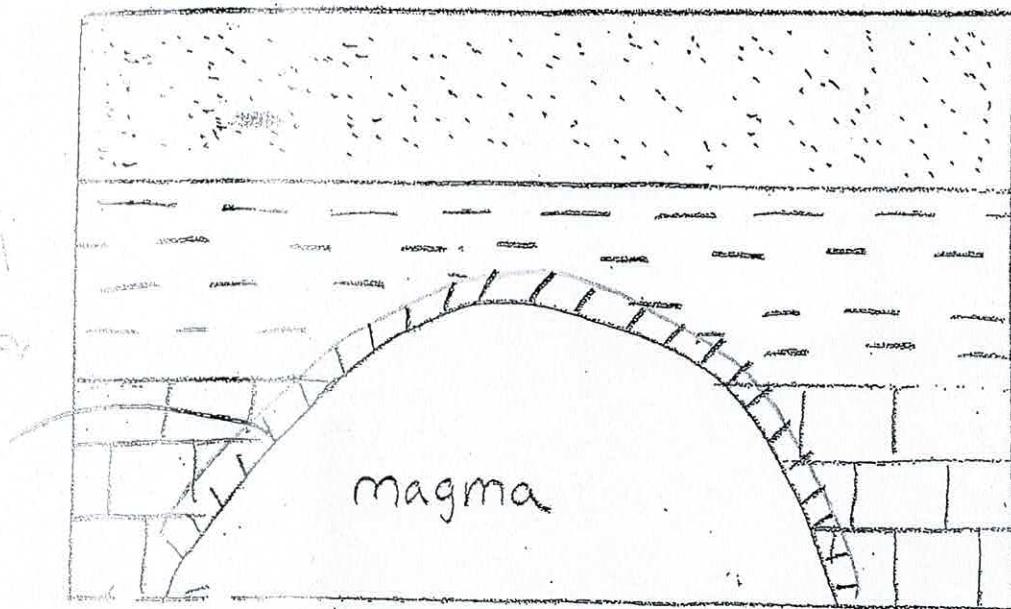
- A. form from other preexisting rock (sedimentary, igneous, metamorphic) that have been changed

B.



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C. Conditions that cause rocks to undergo metamorphism include:

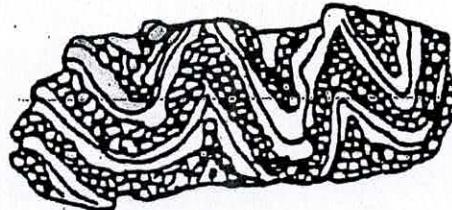
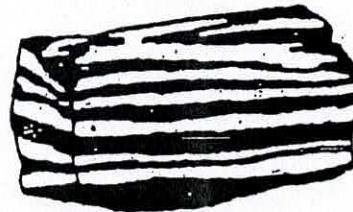
1. exposure to heat
2. pressure
3. chemical activity

Such conditions are often associated with deep burial and pressure that result from mountain formation. Therefore, metamorphic rocks are often found in mountainous regions where weathering and erosion have exposed this rock that was once deeply buried.

Under conditions of high temperature and high pressure, many metamorphic rocks form by the process of recrystallization. This is the growth of new mineral crystals from the sediments of a Sedimentary rock or the growth of new mineral crystals from the crystals of an Igneous or metamorphic rock. Recrystallization occurs without true melting.

D. Changes in a rock caused by metamorphism:

1. increased density
2. Chemical change / new minerals
3. Schistose - is a (banding; mineral alignment)  
layered arrangement of firmly joined crystals of minerals; the minerals are aligned in layers or bands. These bands are formed when rock is subjected to extreme pressure and temperature.  
Usually, the greater the pressure and temperature, the thicker the bands.
4. Distorted Structure - is the curving and folding of the bands. These distortions of once horizontal bands are caused by great environmental pressure exerted on the rock from different directions.



## E. Types of metamorphic rocks:

1. Foliated - mineral crystals

arranged in 'bands' or 'mineral alignment'

2. Nonfoliated - do not have mineral crystals in 'bands' or 'mineral alignment'

## F.

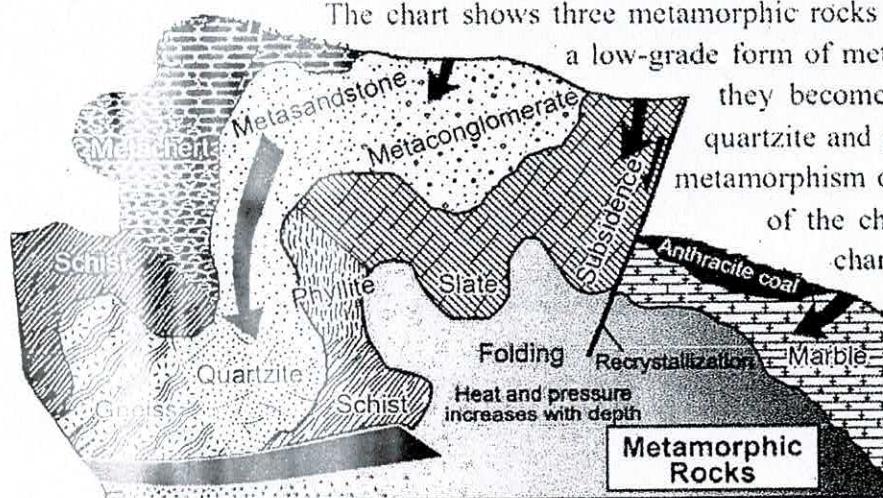
METAMORPHIC ROCK		ORIGINAL ROCK	ORIGINAL TYPE
Foliated	Slate	Shale	Sedimentary
	Schist	Slate	Metamorphic
	Gneiss	granite	Igneous
	marble	limestone	Sedimentary
	quartzite	Sandstone	Sedimentary
	anthracite coal	bituminous coal	Sedimentary

## Metamorphic Rock E.S.S.R.T PG H

### *Metamorphic Rock Section:*

Rocks can be subjected to heat and pressure from Earth's forces. If these forces do not melt the rocks, they can alter them, changing the original rock into a metamorphic rock. Thus, all metamorphic rocks are made from preexisting rocks. The metamorphism of limestone and/or dolostone produces marble.

The chart shows three metamorphic rocks that have the prefix meta, indicating a low-grade form of metamorphism. With more heat/pressure they become true metamorphic rocks, producing quartzite and gneiss. Locate slate. It is a low-grade metamorphism of shale. Following this curvy section of the chart, under more heat/pressure it will change to phyllite and then to schist. The sedimentary coal—bituminous coal can be changed into metamorphic anthracite coal. This is the preferred coal for use.



### Types of metamorphism

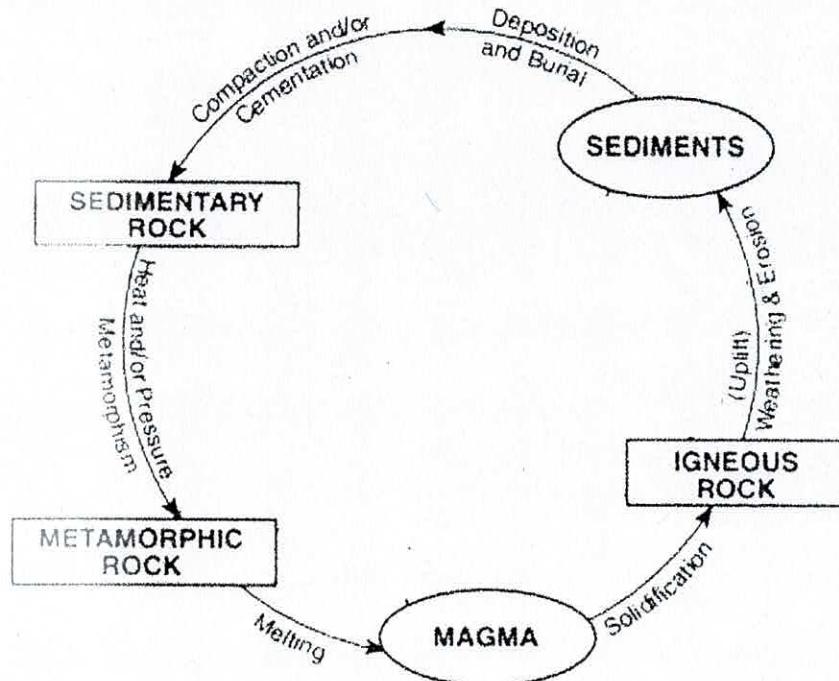
*Regional Metamorphism* – This is a very large area that has undergone metamorphism. Plate collisions produces regional metamorphism, forming folded mountains.

Usually results in Foliation

*Contact Metamorphism* – The heat of an igneous intrusion can cause the surrounding rocks to metamorphose. This is called contact metamorphism. In the igneous section, this is diagrammed by hash-marks on the edges of the intrusion as it comes into contact with preexisting rocks.

Usually results in Non-foliation

### Rock Cycle in Earth's Crust



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The arrows  
are the process

