Physical, Earth, and Space Science An Integrated Approach

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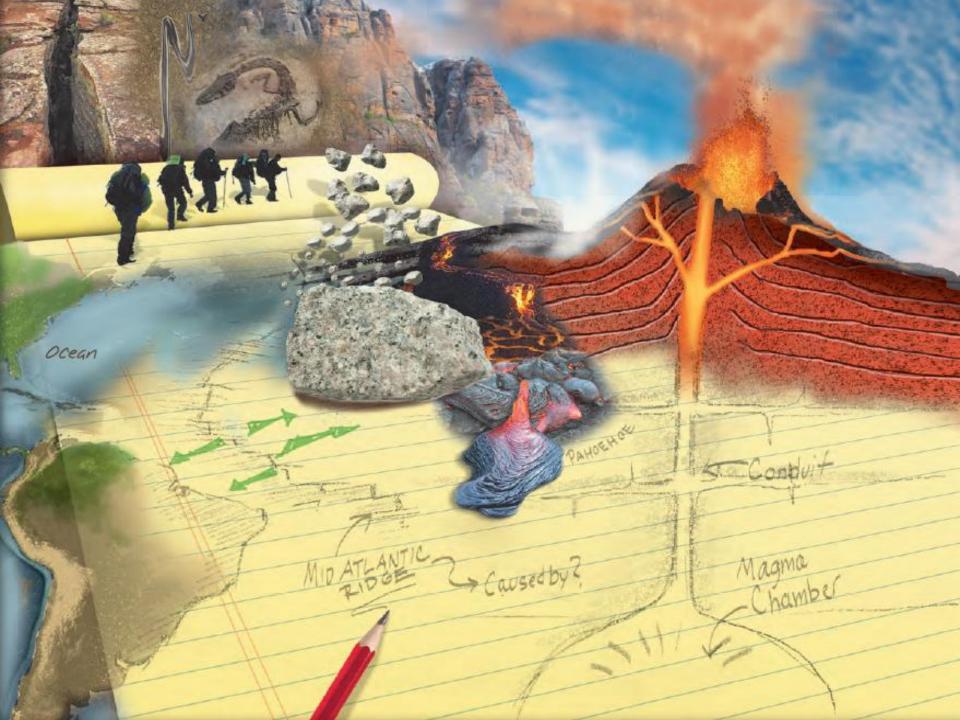


UNIT SIX: Earth's Structure

Chapter 18 Earth's History and Rocks

Chapter 19 Changing Earth

Chapter 20 Earthquakes and Volcanoes





Chapter Eighteen: Earth's History and Rocks

- 18.1 Geologic Time
- 18.2 Relative Dating
- 18.3 The Rock Cycle



18.3 Learning Goals

- Describe the properties of minerals and explain how minerals are formed.
- Apply Mohs hardness scale to identify minerals.
- Explore pathways of the rock cycle.

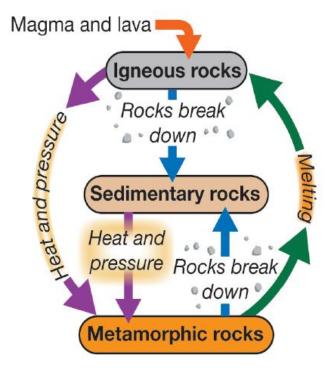


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The Rock Cycle

Key Question:

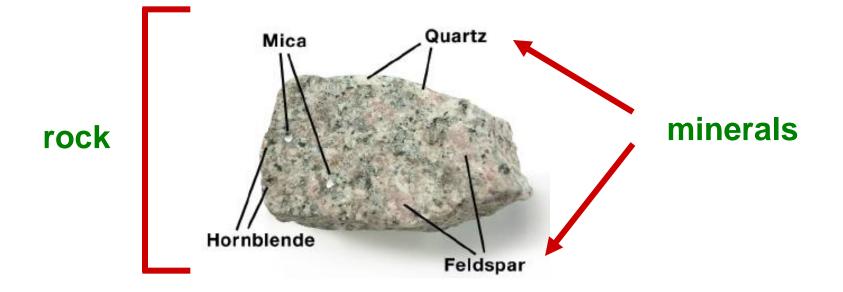
How does the rock cycle create new rocks and change one type into another?





18.3 The composition of rocks

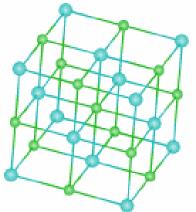
* A rock is a naturally-formed solid made of one or more minerals.





18.3 Rocks are made of minerals

- * A mineral is a solid, inorganic object with a defined chemical composition.
- * Minerals have atoms arranged into orderly structures called crystals.



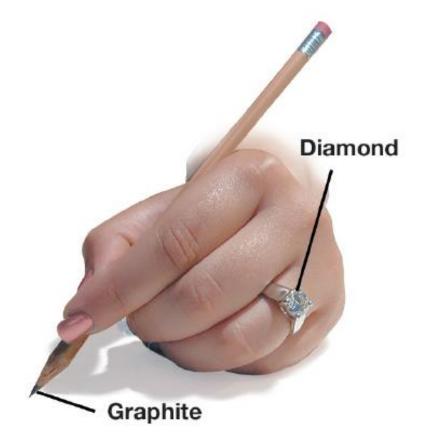


This cubic mineral is often placed on food. Can you guess what it is?



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Diamonds and graphite are both minerals that are made of carbon, but their crystalline structures are different.





18.3 Rocks are made of minerals

- * There are more than 4,000 minerals on Earth.
- The two most abundant elements in Earth's crust, are oxygen and silicon.
- Add into notes

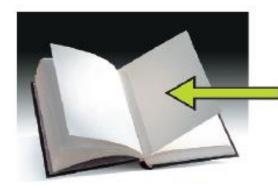
Approximate percentage by weight of elements in Earth's crust		
oxygen	46.6%	
silicon	27.7%	
other minerals	25.7%	



- Mica is a rock with its minerals stacked like the pages in a book.
- * A cleavage plane is a surface along which a mineral cleanly splits.

Mica (muscovite) One cleavage plane





There is **one** cleavage plane for the page of a book.



- * Feldspar is the most abundant mineral in Earth's crust.
- * Like feldspar, hornblende has two cleavage planes.



Feldspar

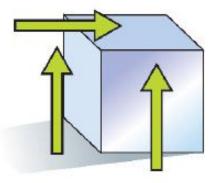




* The mineral halite has three directions of cleavage and breaks into cubes.

There are **three** cleavage planes for a cube.











- * Quartz is the second most abundant mineral in Earth's crust.
- * Unlike feldspar, quartz lacks cleavage planes.

 * When quartz breaks, it does not split along planes. Quartz has a fracture.



18.3 Mohs hardness scale

- * Mohs hardness scale was developed in 1812 by Friedrick Mohs (an Austrian mineral expert) as a method to identify minerals.
- * This scale uses 10 minerals to represent variations in hardness.

Mineral	Hardness
talc	1
gypsum	2
calcite	3
fluorite	4
apatite	5
orthoclase (feldspar)	6
quartz	7
topaz	8
corundum	9
diamond	10

Mohs Hardness Scale

Mineral	Common item	Hardness
Talc		1
Gypsum	Fingernail	2
Calcite	Penny	3
Fluorite	Penny	4
Apatite	Glass	5
Orthoclase (feldspar)	Glass	6
Quartz		7
Topaz		8
Corundum		9
Diamond		10



18.3 Groups of rocks

- There are three groups of rocks that are formed by the processed in the Earth's crust.
- An igneous rock forms from the cooling and crystallizing of magma or lava.
- * A sedimentary rock is made of sediments.
- * A metamorphic rock is a rock that is formed from another rock because of heat and pressure.

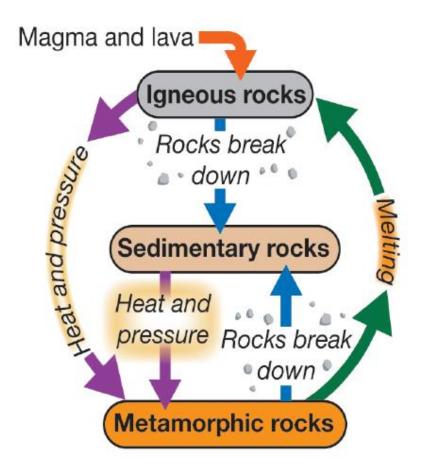


Rock Group	Formation	
Igneous	These rocks form when molten rock (lava or magma) cools and crystallizes.	
Sedimentary	Particles of other rocks and minerals or once-living things are moved by water, wind, ice, or gravity and eventually settle in layers. The layers are compacted and cemented to form a new rock.	
Metamorphic		
	These rocks form from other rocks that are changed by heat and pressure.	



18.3 Rocks keep moving

 * The rock cycle allows material to keep changing form and moving from place to place on Earth.

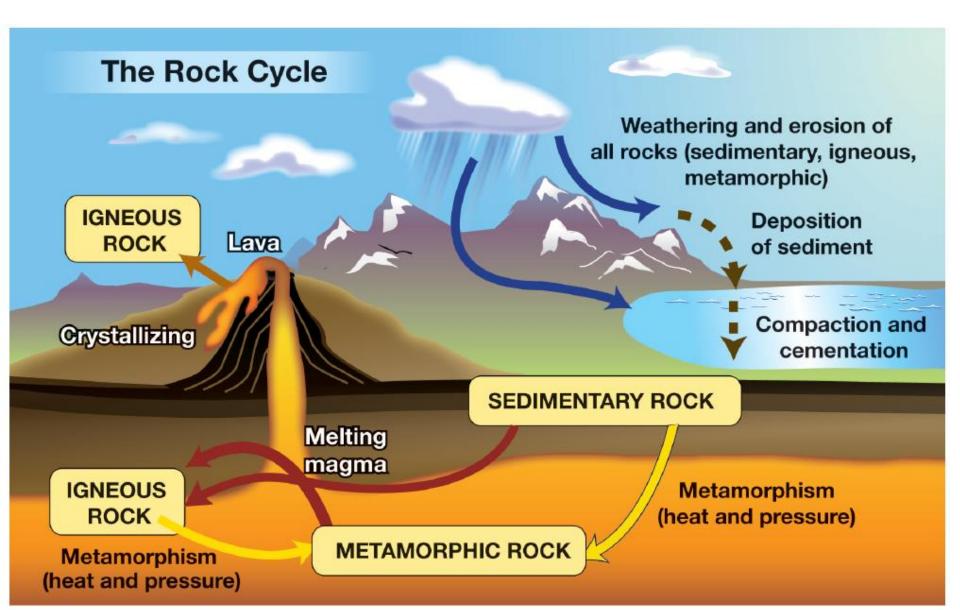




18.3 Rocks keep moving

- T* he processes that keep rock material moving through the rock cycle include weathering, erosion, deposition, compaction and cementation, metamorphism, and melting and crystallizing.
- * An important geologic process— plate tectonics— plays an important role in the rock cycle.







PALEONTOLOGY >> CONNECTION

Mass Extinction:



Devastation and Opportunity



 At the end of the Cretaceous Period, almost all of Earth's large vertebrates (including the dinosaurs), and most of the oceans' plankton became extinct. Research is currently underway to find out what caused this mass extinction.