

The Rock Cycle describes how rocks form and change over time

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 - grains**
 - minerals**
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 - mineral hardness**
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 - cleavage types**
 - synthetic models**
- Minerals can be identified by certain clues. The clue that identifies the color of the powdered form of the mineral left behind when it is rubbed against a rough surface is called its ...
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Three Classes of Rocks: Igneous, Sedimentary and Metamorphic

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 - A. **crystals**
 - B. **sediments**
 - C. **magma or lava**
 - D. **earth's crust**

9. Igneous rock can be classified by how it is formed. If it has formed beneath the surface, cooling slowly, it has larger grains and is called ...
 - A. **interior**
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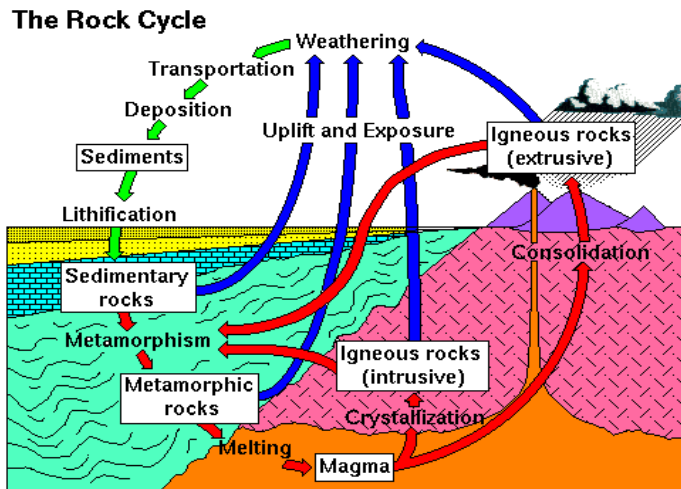
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11. Soil that has organic, living material, gets covered over and each layer puts pressure on the organic debris – compressing it into peat, lignite, bituminous and anthracite. The hardest type of coal ...
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12. Metamorphic rock is rock that has changed form. It is usually formed ...
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 - C. **when rock is heated**
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13. Shale changes to slate and then changes to schist. To change these rocks into other types requires ...
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 - doesn't have any shortcuts or detours
16. The rocks and minerals that cover the first 50 meters or so of the Earth's surface include sand, gravel, stones, and boulders. This material is called ...
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17. A zone stretching along the Great lakes and into New England, reveals rocks that are from the oldest rock layer (hundreds of millions of years) that make up North America. These types of rocks change beneath the surface and then are exposed when uplifting occurs. The type of rock is
- igneous
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18. You will likely find dramatic examples of these types of rocks in *The Grand Canyon*. The erosion and exposure of this type of rock took many years to complete.
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Rock Cycle Song
(Sing to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

SEDIMENTARY rock
Has been formed in layers
Often found near water sources
With fossils from decayers

Then there's IGNEOUS rock
Here since Earth was born
Molten Lava, cooled and hardened
That's how it is formed

These two types of rocks
Can also be transformed
With pressure, heat and chemicals
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ANSWER KEY

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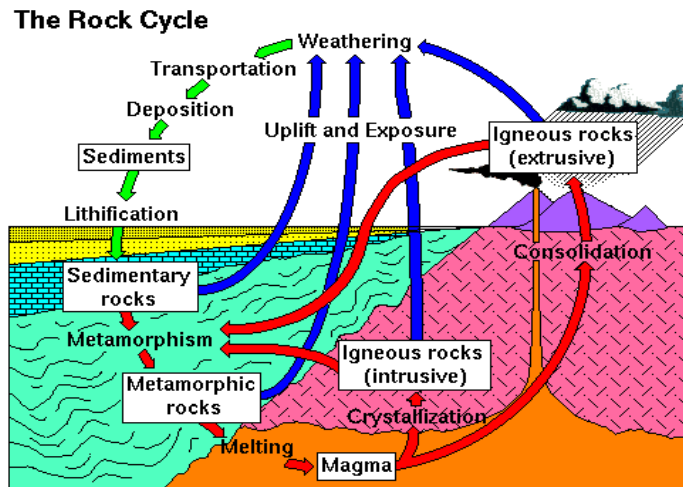
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