

Earth Science

With

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Volcanoes

► Definition:

- An opening in Earth's crust through which molten rock, gases and ash erupt or the landform that develops around these openings.



Volcanoes

► Magma Formation:

- 1) Decrease in *pressure* can lower the *melting point*.
- 2) Increase in *temperature* (hot spot).
- 3) Increase in amt. of water in asthenosphere – can lower melting temperature of rock.

Volcanoes

► Where do Volcanoes Form?

1) At Subduction Boundaries

2) At Divergent Boundaries

3) Over Hot Spots

Subduction Boundaries (Collision/Convergent Boundaries)

Click for animation!

- ▶ Ocean-Ocean collisions result in volcanoes forming islands!!

Subduction Boundaries (Collision/Convergent Boundaries)

Click for animation!

- ▶ Ocean-Continent collisions result in volcanoes forming mountains!!

Subduction Boundaries (Collision/Convergent Boundaries)

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- ▶ Continent-Continent collisions result in volcanoes forming mountains also!!

Subduction Boundaries (Collision/Convergent Boundaries)

- ▶ At subduction boundaries, one plate (one that is more dense) is forced under the other plate.
- ▶ This is where old land is destroyed by melting back into magma.
- ▶ This is how the earth recycles itself!
- ▶ This erases earth's history!

Divergent Boundaries

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- ▶ Divergent plate boundaries form mid-ocean ridges!!

Divergent Boundaries

- ▶ At Divergent boundaries, the plates are moving away from each other.
- ▶ As the plates move away, new land is being created by upwelling magma.
- ▶ This is the other piece of how the earth recycles itself!

Hot Spots

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▶ Hot Spots form island chains!!

Magma

- ▶ Silica is the principal ingredient in magma.
- ▶ Magma that cools under water is called

Pillow Lava



Volcanoes

► Types of Volcanoes: (See pg. 202-03 in text)

- 1) Shield
- 2) Cinder Cone
- 3) Composite
- 4) Calderas
- 5) Lava Plateaus
- 6) Extraterrestrial

Volcanoes

▶ Shield Volcanoes:

- Forms from layers upon layers of hardened lava.
- Ex) Mauna Loa on Hawaii.

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▶ Cinder Cone Volcanoes:

- Forms from lava being thrown into the air from a vent.
- Your "typical" volcano: Cone shaped
- Tend to be smaller, in groups, and form on the sides of other volcanoes.

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▶ Composite Volcanoes:

- Forms from layers from successive eruptions accumulate around a vent.
- Ex) Mt. St. Helens

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▶ Calderas:

- A large, crater-shaped basin at the top of a dormant volcano.
- Often filled with water creating a lake.
- The crater is formed when the top of a volcano collapses.

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▶ Lava Plateau:

- Forms from plate tectonic activity where basaltic lava spreads out over a large area.

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▶ Extraterrestrial Volcanoes:

- Volcanoes in our solar system on other planets/moons other than earth.
- Found on:
 - Our moon
 - Mars – Shield volcanoes, Olympus Mons (largest volcano in our solar system)
 - Venus
 - IO (Jupiter's 3rd largest moon) – Most volcanically active in solar system.

That's it

