

We Will **ROCK** you!

Chapter 6

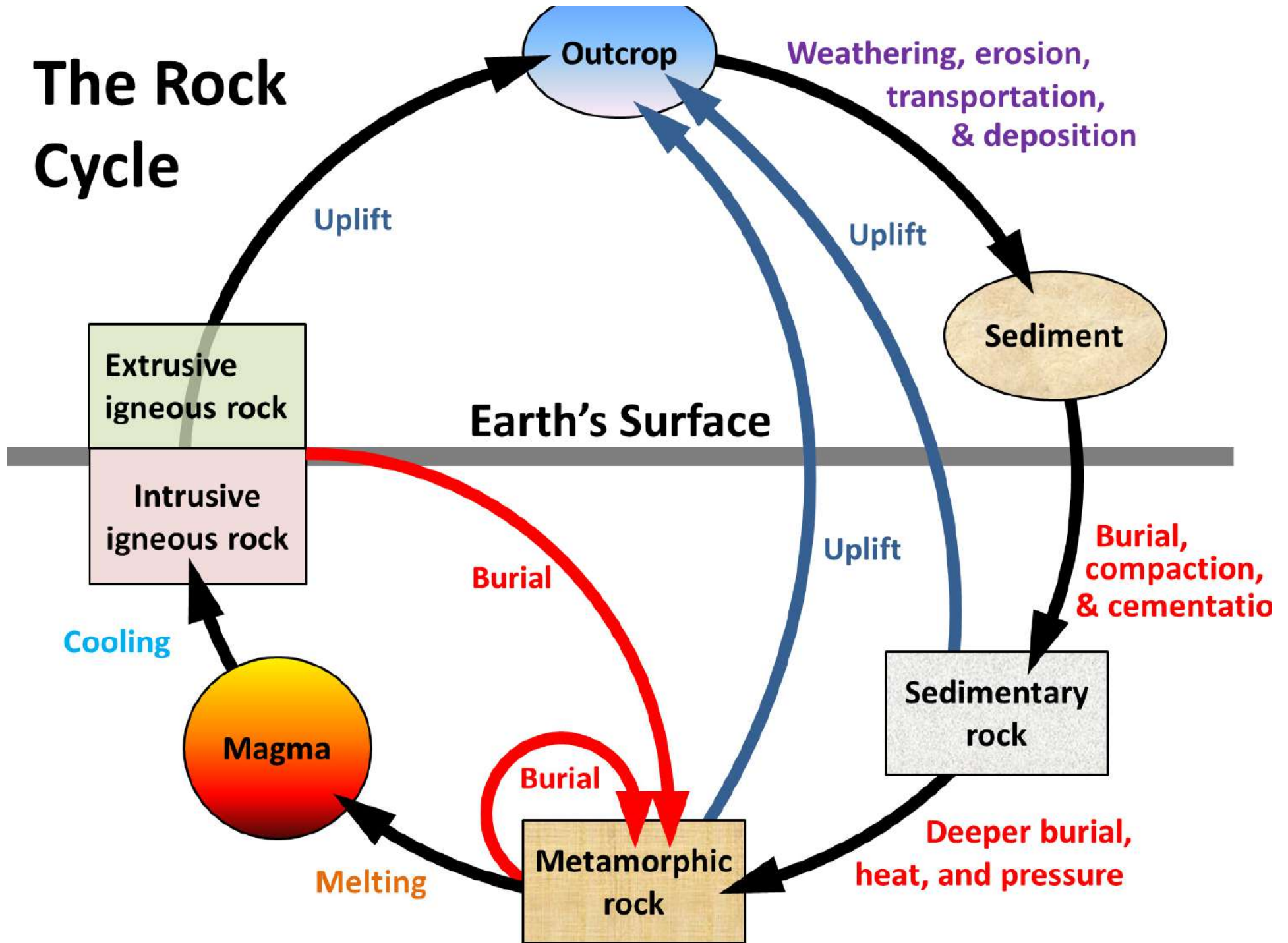
Rock Videos

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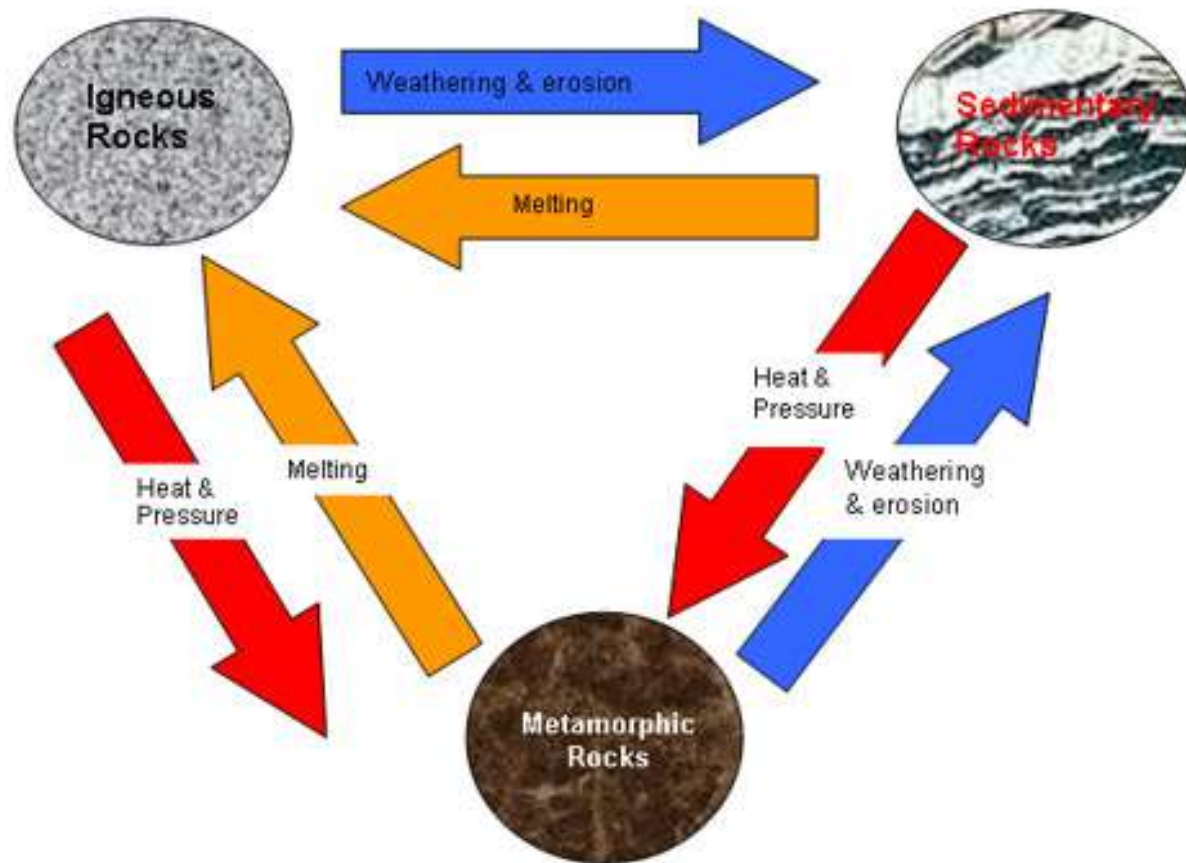
Types of Rocks

- Rock: group of minerals bound together
- Found in Earth's Crust & mantle
 - Classified by which the process that they were formed
- **Igneous:** cooling/hardening of hot molten rock/magma f/ inside Earth
- **Sedimentary**-compaction/cementing of layers of sediments (rock fragments, plant & animal remains & minerals that settle out of solution onto lake/ocean bottoms)
- **Metamorphic**- by effect of heat & pressure on other rocks

The Rock Cycle



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Igneous Rocks

- Classified by mineral composition & texture
- Some form from volcanic ash, most from magma- location of magma determines cooling rate and therefore texture.
 - Form underground- intrusive igneous rock
 - Form at/above Earth's surface- extrusive

Types of Magma

- Felsic- thick slow-moving magma
 - Large amounts of silica (SiO_2) smaller amounts of Ca, Fe & Mg
 - Hardens to light-colored silicate minerals like quartz, orthoclase feldspar
- Mafic- hotter, thinner, more fluid
 - Large amounts Fe & Mg, much lower silica
 - Usually contain large amounts dark silicate minerals such as hornblende, augite, biotite



Intrusive Igneous Rocks

- Deep w/in crust, hardens very slowly
- Appear @ surface after uplift + erosion of overlaying rock
- Coarse texture (granular, coarse-grained)

Extrusive Igneous Rocks

- At the surface!
- Lava= magma above surface
- Cooled/hardened = volcanic rock, extrusive igneous rock
- Hardens quickly (hours, days)
- Small crystals (not much time to form)
- Fine-grained texture or smooth (glassy)

Intermediates

- Porphyry- igneous rocks- large crystals (formed below) surrounded by fine-grained mass of rock (after forced up/cooled quickly)
- ash f/ volcanoes settles, buried/compressed into rock= tuff (sedimentary + igneous)

Granite Family

- Form from felsic magma
- Course-grained
- Usually white, gray to pink
- Intrusive
- Very common continental igneous
- Found in many mountainous areas





Examples



- Obsidian (chemical composition resembles granite)
 - Glassy texture
 - Volcanic rock (extrusive)
 - Moderately hard w/ conchoidal fracture, brittle dark brown/black (b/c iron oxide)
- Pumice- formed f/ silica-rich lava hardened as steam/gasses bubbled out
 - Resembles sponge
 - Often light enough to float
- Felsic (general name for any light colored, finegrained rock)
 - Ex. Rhyolite –fine-grained, light gray to pink

Gabbro Family

- Mafic rocks
- Dark colored denser than granite family
- Pyroxene, olivine, plagioclase feldspar = most prevalent minerals
- Course-grained

Examples

- Basalt (fine grained)
 - Composition of Gabbro
 - Dark gray or black
 - Makes ocean floor
 - Most common rock f/ lava flows
- Others: Diabase, basalt glass, scoria



Diorite Family

- Intermediate composition (characteristics of Gabbro & Granite)
 - Medium grays/ greens
 - Coarse-grained
 - Ex. Adesite



Igneous Intrusions

- Magma pushes up into fractures in bedrock or squeeze b/w rock layers forcing overlaying rocks to form domes
 - Large masses solidify and make up core of mountains
 - Pluton- any igneous intrusion- rock mass that forms when magma cools inside Earth's interior
 - Reaches Earth's surface after uplift, weathering

Plutons

- Dike- sheet igneous rock cuts vertically (or steep angle) across rock layers
- Sill- sheet of igneous rock lies parallel to layers
 - Forms b/w not across rock layers
- Laccoliths- domed masses
- Volcanic neck- left when inactive volcano erodes (central plug hardened magma after volcanic material around wears away)
- Batholiths: Largest pluton; forms cores of mountain ranges

