

Rocks and Minerals Hotlist:

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1. [**Rocks & Minerals: A List of Links**](#)
List of links to Research/Informational Sites, Online Lesson Plans, Online Activities, Offline Lesson Plans, Offline Activities on rocks and minerals.
2. [**Rock Hounds: Discover How Rocks are Formed**](#)
View animations that show how three different kinds of rocks are formed: Sedimentary, Metamorphic, and Igneous
3. [**Minerals**](#)
Minerals are natural inorganic (non-living) substances that have the same chemical makeup and crystal shape.
4. [**Mineralogy 4 Kids**](#)
Get all the "dirt" on the rock family, right here. Mineral Groups, Mineral games, Minerals in your house, Mineral properties, All about crystals .
5. [**Wonderful World of Minerals: A Junior Thinkquest**](#)
Information on minerals, gems, birthstones, volcanoews, crystals, and metals
6. [**Virtual Cave**](#)
This site by a caver and photographer of 30 years explores what's in caves and how they got there. Covers four underground caves: Solution Caves, Lava Tube Caves, Sea Caves, Erosional Caves.
7. [**Smithsonian Institute**](#)
The Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History has Rocks and Mining: Rocks at earth's surface, Rocks below earth's surface, and Mining.

8. [**Rocks & Minerals Slideshow**](#)

An image gallery of various rocks and minerals.

9. [**Mineral Matters**](#)

How to identify minerals, create a collection of rocks and minerals, mineral FAQ's, grow your own crystals, mine games: brain teasers, puzzles and games.