**Class Notes 3.1**

Vocabulary 3.1

1. **Seismic Waves-** Vibrations that travel through Earth carrying the energy released during an earthquake.
2. **Pressure-**  The force pushing on a surface divided by the area of that surface.
3. **Crust** The layer of rock that forms Earth’s outer surface.
4. **Basalt-** A dark, dense, igneous rock with a fine texture, found in oceanic crust.
5. **Granite-** A usually light-colored igneous rock that is found in continental crust.
6. **Mantle-**  The layer of hot, solid material between Earth’s crust and core.
7. **Lithosphere-** A rigid layer made up of the uppermost part of the mantle and the crust.
8. **Asthenosphere-** the soft layer of the mantle on which the lithosphere floats.
9. **Outer core-** a layer of molten iron and nickel that surrounds the inner core of Earth.
10. **Inner Core-** a dense sphere of solid iron and nickel at the center of Earth.

How Do Geologists Learn About Earth’s Interior? Pgs. 98-99

**Geologists have used 2 main types of evidence to learn about Earth’s interior:**

1. **Direct Evidence From Rock Samples**
2. **Indirect Evidence From Seismic Waves.**

1. Evidence From Rock Samples

* Geologists have drilled holes as deep as 12.3 kilometers into Earth.
* The drills bring up samples of rock.
* These rocks give geologists clues about ***Earth’s structure*** and ***conditions deep inside Earth.***

**Example of a cylindrical whole rock core.**

2. Evidence From Seismic Waves

When ***earthquakes occur*** they produce **seismic waves**.

**Geologists** *record* the seismic waves and *study* how they travel through Earth.

Infer: Geologists have found that the paths of

seismic waves change When the waves reach

specific depths Inside Earth.

What can you infer about the Earth’s

structure from this Observation?

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Paths of the ocean waves

change when the waves reach an island.

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Assess Your Understanding

What Are The Features of Earth’s Crust, Mantle, and Core? Pg. 100

the crust

The **three main layers of Earth** are: the mantle,

the core.

**These layers vary greatly in *size*, *composition*, *temperature*, and *pressure.***

**Pressure** results from a force pressing on an area.

**The Deeper Down Inside Earth,**

**The Greater the Pressure and the greater the Temperature!**

Earth’s Crust pg. 101

**Earth’s crust is the layer of rock that forms Earth’s outer skin.**

* *The crust is a layer of solid rock* that includes both **dry land** and the **ocean floor.**
* **The composition of oceanic crust** is much like ***basalt-*** a dark rock that has fine grains.
* **The composition of continental crust** is much like ***granite-*** a rock that usually is a light color and has coarse grains.

Earth’s Mantle pg. 102

**Earth’s Mantle *Is the solid material of the mantle is a layer of hot rock.***

* **Earth’s mantle is made of** *rock that is very hot, but solid.*
* Overall, the mantle is nearly 3,000 kilometers thick.
* Scientists ***divide the mantle into layers*** based on *the physical characteristics of those layers.*

Mantle’s Layers

**Layers**

* the **Lithosphere** is the ***crust and uppermost mantle.***
* Just beneath the lithosphere the **Asthenosphere**- Is the soft layer.
* Beneath is a layer called the **Mesosphere**- which is hot but more rigid.

Earth’s Core pg. 103

**The core** is made mostly of the ***metals iron*** and ***nickel.***

**The Core** consists of 2 parts:

1.  **a liquid outer core-** The outer core is a layer of molten metal surrounding the inner core.

1. **a solid inner core-** The inner core is a dense ball of solid metal.

**Scientists think that movements in the liquid outer core create Earth’s magnetic field**

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