Chapter 2 Sec 5

Metamorphic Rock- any rock that forms from another rock because of changes in heat and pressure

Metamorphic rock can form from igneous, sedimentary or metamorphic rock

Heat

- -from pockets of magma or rock pushed down toward the mantle
- -the high temp can cause the rock around it to change

Pressure

- from the collision of techtonic plates
- change or deform the physical shape of rock
- the deeper the rock is buried the greater the pressure

Heat and Pressure changes the minerals of a rock into other minerals- change in texture/crystal structure also occurs

Geologist classify metamorphic rocks by the arrangement of the grains

Foliated - grains arranged in parallel layers or bands

granite's grains can be foliated and turned into gneiss

Shale (sedimentary) can be changed into Slate (metamorphic)

Nonfoliated - grains are arranged randomly

Quartz (in Sandstone) Quartzite (metamorphic)



Limestone

Marble (metamorphic)

Uses of Metamorphic Rock

Marble has even grain can be cut into thin slabs or shapes - used for statues and buildings

Slate splits easily into flat pieces - can be used for roofing, walkways, trim