

# Earth Science Review Booklet

## Spring 2012

Instructions to the Students: This booklet contains Regents questions taken from past examinations. They cover the material that you have been working on in your Regents Earth Science classes. There are 50 multiple choice questions in the booklet. It is suggested that you complete ten (10) questions per day. Please make sure to select the choice that you feel best answers the question or completes the statement.

The reference tables that you will need to complete the questions are located at the back of the booklet. Please make sure to complete all questions and if there are any questions that you do not fully understand, make a notation on the question and be sure to ask your teacher for the explanation when you return to school.

*The questions and tables in this packet are from the New York State Education Department at <http://www.nysedregents.org/EarthScience/>. You can visit this link for additional Regents exams and practice.*

1. Which planet has the least distance between the two foci of its elliptical orbit?

- (1) Venus      (3) Mars
- (2) Earth      (4) Jupiter

2. Mt. Marcy often has the coldest nighttime temperatures in New York State because of its

- (1) latitude and planetary winds
- (2) latitude and elevation
- (3) longitude and planetary winds
- (4) longitude and elevation

3. During which two geologic time periods did most of the surface bedrock of the Taconic Mountains form?

- (1) Cambrian and Ordovician
- (2) Silurian and Devonian
- (3) Pennsylvanian and Mississippian
- (4) Triassic and Jurassic

4 Which event is an example of chemical weathering?

- (1) rocks falling off the face of a steep cliff
- (2) feldspar in granite being crushed into clay-sized particles
- (3) water freezing in cracks in a roadside outcrop
- (4) acid rain reacting with limestone bedrock

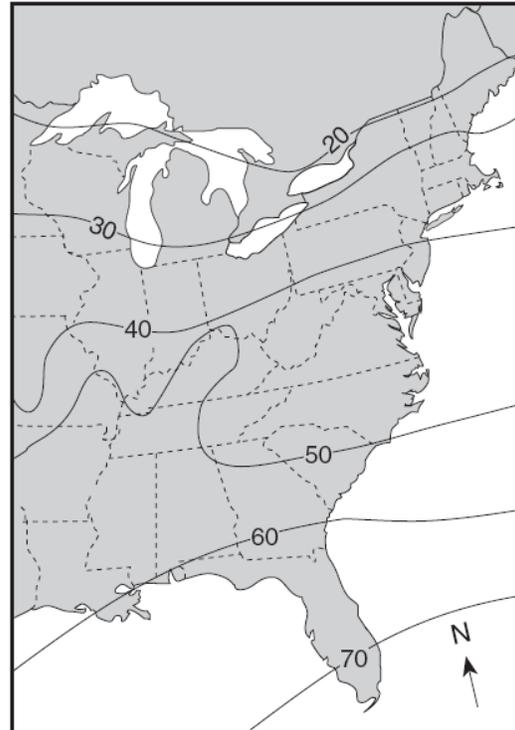
5. The entire area drained by a river and its tributaries is called a

- (1) delta      (3) valley
- (2) watershed (4) floodplain

6. A meandering stream deposits most of its sediments on the

- (1) inside of meanders where the stream flows faster
- (2) inside of meanders where the stream flows slower
- (3) outside of meanders where the stream flows faster
- (4) outside of meanders where the stream flows slower

7. The map below shows a weather variable recorded at noon on a certain day. Isolines show values from 20 to 70.



Which atmospheric variable is most likely represented by the isolines on this map?

- (1) snowfall in inches
- (2) wind speed in knots
- (3) barometric pressure in millibars
- (4) air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit

8. Which combination of temperature and pressure is inferred to occur within Earth's stiffer mantle?

- (1) 3500°C and 0.4 million atmospheres
- (2) 3500°C and 2.0 million atmospheres
- (3) 5500°C and 0.4 million atmospheres
- (4) 5500°C and 2.0 million atmospheres

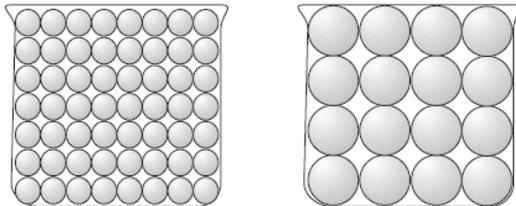
9. Earth's rate of rotation is approximately

- (1) 1° per day (3) 180° per day
- (2) 15° per day (4) 360° per day

10. Light and other forms of electromagnetic radiation are given off by stars using energy released during

- (1) nuclear fusion (3) convection
- (2) conduction (4) radioactive decay

11. The diagram below shows two identical containers filled with uniform particles that were sorted by size.



Which characteristic is most likely the same for these particle-filled containers?

- (1) infiltration rate (3) capillarity
- (2) water retention (4) porosity

12. Which soil conditions normally result in the greatest amount of runoff?

- (1) low permeability and gentle slope
- (2) low permeability and steep slope
- (3) high permeability and gentle slope
- (4) high permeability and steep slope

13. Which natural agent of erosion is mainly responsible for the formation of the barrier islands along the southern coast of Long Island, New York?

- (1) mass movement (3) prevailing winds
- (2) running water (4) ocean waves

14. Which geologic event occurred in New York State at approximately the same time that eurypterids were becoming extinct?

- (1) the opening of the Atlantic Ocean
- (2) the uplift of the Appalachian Mountains
- (3) the formation of the Catskill Delta
- (4) the intrusion of the Palisades Sill

15. Which group of elements is listed in increasing order based on the percent by mass in Earth's crust?

- (1) aluminum, iron, calcium
- (2) aluminum, silicon, magnesium
- (3) magnesium, iron, aluminum
- (4) magnesium, silicon, calcium

16. As viewed from Earth, most stars appear to move across the sky each night because

- (1) Earth revolves around the Sun
- (2) Earth rotates on its axis
- (3) stars orbit around Earth
- (4) stars revolve around the center of the galaxy

17. One reason *Tetragraptus* is considered a good index fossil is that *Tetragraptus*

- (1) existed during a large part of the Paleozoic Era
- (2) has no living relatives found on Earth today
- (3) existed over a wide geographic area
- (4) has been found in New York State

18. What is the dew point temperature when the relative humidity is 30% and the air temperature is 20°C?

- (1) -28°C (3) 6°C
- (2) 2°C (4) 9°C

19. An igneous rock contains 10 grams of radioactive potassium-40 and a total of 10 grams of its decay products. During which geologic time interval was this rock most likely formed?

- (1) Middle Archean
- (2) Late Archean
- (3) Middle Proterozoic
- (4) Late Proterozoic

20. Which statement best describes the age of our solar system and the universe?

- (1) The universe is at least twice as old as our solar system.
- (2) Our solar system is at least twice as old as the universe.
- (3) Our solar system and the universe are estimated to be 5 billion years old.
- (4) Our solar system and the universe are estimated to be 10 billion years old.

21. A Foucault pendulum is used to prove that

- (1) the Sun rotates on its axis
- (2) the Sun revolves around Earth
- (3) Earth rotates on its axis
- (4) Earth revolves around the Sun

22. Compared to the terrestrial planets, the Jovian planets are

- (1) smaller and have lower densities
- (2) smaller and have greater densities
- (3) larger and have lower densities
- (4) larger and have greater densities

23. Which process produces the energy that allows the stars of the universe to radiate visible light?

- (1) convection (3) insolation
- (2) nuclear fusion (4) radioactive decay

24. A soil sample with a large amount of space between the particles will have a

- (1) low permeability rate
- (2) low infiltration rate
- (3) high porosity
- (4) high capillarity

25. The spinning of Earth on its axis causes the apparent rising and setting of the

- (1) Sun, only
- (2) Sun and the Moon, only
- (3) Moon and some stars, only
- (4) Sun, the Moon, and some stars

26. On sunny summer days, a breeze often develops that blows from large bodies of water toward nearby landmasses because the

- (1) temperature of the air above the landmasses is greater
- (2) specific heat of the landmasses is greater
- (3) temperatures of the bodies of water are greater
- (4) air over the bodies of water becomes heavier with additional water vapor

27. The largest sediment particles that can be transported by a stream traveling at a velocity of 200 centimeters per second are

- (1) boulders
- (2) cobbles
- (3) pebbles
- (4) sand

28. What happens to the density and temperature of rock within Earth's interior as depth increases?

- (1) density decreases and temperature decreases
- (2) density decreases and temperature increases
- (3) density increases and temperature increases
- (4) density increases and temperature decreases

29. Scientists believe that a large asteroid struck Earth approximately 65 million years ago. It is often theorized that this event contributed to the

- (1) end of the last ice age
- (2) breaking up of the supercontinent Pangea
- (3) evolution of the first birds
- (4) extinction of the dinosaurs

30. Which two landscape regions in New York State have the oldest surface bedrock?

- (1) Allegheny Plateau and Newark Lowlands
- (2) Tug Hill Plateau and Erie-Ontario Lowlands
- (3) Taconic Mountains and the Catskills
- (4) Adirondack Mountains and Hudson Highlands

31. The planetary wind belts in the troposphere are primarily caused by the

- (1) Earth's rotation and unequal heating of Earth's surface
- (2) Earth's revolution and unequal heating of Earth's surface
- (3) Earth's rotation and Sun's gravitational attraction on Earth's atmosphere
- (4) Earth's revolution and Sun's gravitational attraction on Earth's atmosphere

32. When Earth cools, most of the energy transferred from Earth's surface to space is transferred by the process of

- (1) conduction (3) refraction
- (2) reflection (4) radiation

33. Which type of surface absorbs the greatest amount of electromagnetic energy from the Sun?

- (1) smooth, shiny, and light colored
- (2) smooth, shiny, and dark colored
- (3) rough, dull, and light colored
- (4) rough, dull, and dark colored

34. The largest particles that a stream deposits as it enters a pond are 8 centimeters in diameter. The minimum velocity of the stream is approximately

- (1) 100 cm/sec (3) 300 cm/sec
- (2) 200 cm/sec (4) 400 cm/sec

35. One factor responsible for the strength of gravitational attraction between a planet and the Sun is the

- (1) degree of tilt of the planet's axis
- (2) distance between the planet and the Sun
- (3) planet's period of rotation
- (4) amount of insolation given off by the Sun

36. Which planet is located approximately ten times farther from the Sun than Earth is from the Sun?

- (1) Mars (3) Saturn
- (2) Jupiter (4) Uranus

37. Large craters found on Earth support the hypothesis that impact events have caused

- (1) a decrease in the number of earthquakes and an increase in sea level
- (2) an increase in solar radiation and a decrease in Earth radiation
- (3) the red shift of light from distant stars and the blue shift of light from nearby stars
- (4) mass extinctions of life-forms and global climate changes

38. What is the inferred age of our solar system, in millions of years?

- (1) 544 (3) 4600
- (2) 1300 (4) 10,000

39. The water table usually rises when there is

- (1) a decrease in the amount of infiltration
- (2) a decrease in the amount of surface area covered by vegetation
- (3) an increase in the amount of precipitation
- (4) an increase in the slope of the land

40. What causes the Coriolis effect?

- (1) Earth's tilt on its axis
- (2) the spin of Earth on its axis
- (3) the orbital motion of the Moon around Earth
- (4) the orbital motion of Earth around the Sun

41. What is the relative humidity when the dry-bulb temperature is 16°C and the wet-bulb temperature is 14°C?

- (1) 90%
- (2) 80%
- (3) 14%
- (4) 13%

42. Which weather instrument is used to measure wind speed?

- (1) anemometer
- (2) wind vane
- (3) psychrometer
- (4) thermometer

43. The upward movement of air in the atmosphere generally causes the temperature of that air to

- (1) decrease and become closer to the dewpoint
- (2) decrease and become farther from the dewpoint
- (3) increase and become closer to the dewpoint
- (4) increase and become farther from the dewpoint

44. Which statement correctly compares seismic *P*-waves with seismic *S*-waves?

- (1) *P*-waves travel faster than *S*-waves and pass through Earth's liquid zones.
- (2) *P*-waves travel faster than *S*-waves and do not pass through Earth's liquid zones.
- (3) *P*-waves travel slower than *S*-waves and pass through Earth's liquid zones.
- (4) *P*-waves travel slower than *S*-waves and do not pass through Earth's liquid zones.

45. A whalebone that originally contained 200 grams of radioactive carbon-14 now contains 25 grams of carbon-14. How many carbon-14 half-lives have passed since this whale was alive?

- (1) 1
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4

46. Which geologic event occurred during the same geologic period as the first appearance of modern corals in Earth's oceans?

- (1) Grenville Orogeny
- (2) Acadian Orogeny
- (3) intrusion of the Palisades Sill
- (4) formation of the Catskill Delta

47. The Coriolis effect causes winds in New York State to generally curve

- (1) to the right of the direction of travel
- (2) to the left of the direction of travel
- (3) upward away from Earth's surface
- (4) downward toward Earth's surface

48. The star *Algol* is estimated to have approximately the same luminosity as the star *Aldebaran* and approximately the same temperature as the star *Rigel*. *Algol* is best classified as a

- (1) main sequence star (3) white dwarf star
- (2) red giant star (4) red dwarf star

49. The explosion associated with the Big Bang theory and the formation of the universe is inferred to have occurred how many billion years ago?

- (1) less than 1 (3) 4.6
- (2) 2.5 (4) over 10

50. The altitude of the ozone layer near the South Pole is 20 kilometers above sea level. Which temperature zone of the atmosphere contains this ozone layer?

- (1) troposphere (3) mesosphere
- (2) stratosphere (4) thermosphere

# Reference Tables for Physical Setting/EARTH SCIENCE

## Radioactive Decay Data

| RADIOACTIVE ISOTOPE | DISINTEGRATION   | HALF-LIFE (years)    |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|
| Carbon-14           | $^{14}\text{C} \rightarrow ^{14}\text{N}$  | $5.7 \times 10^3$    |
| Potassium-40        | $^{40}\text{K} \rightarrow ^{40}\text{Ar}$<br>$^{40}\text{K} \rightarrow ^{40}\text{Ca}$ | $1.3 \times 10^9$    |
| Uranium-238         | $^{238}\text{U} \rightarrow ^{206}\text{Pb}$   | $4.5 \times 10^9$    |
| Rubidium-87         | $^{87}\text{Rb} \rightarrow ^{87}\text{Sr}$  | $4.9 \times 10^{10}$ |

## Specific Heats of Common Materials

| MATERIAL          | SPECIFIC HEAT (Joules/gram • °C) |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Liquid water      | 4.18                             |
| Solid water (ice) | 2.11                             |
| Water vapor       | 2.00                             |
| Dry air           | 1.01                             |
| Basalt            | 0.84                             |
| Granite           | 0.79                             |
| Iron              | 0.45                             |
| Copper            | 0.38                             |
| Lead              | 0.13                             |

## Equations

$$\text{Eccentricity} = \frac{\text{distance between foci}}{\text{length of major axis}}$$

$$\text{Gradient} = \frac{\text{change in field value}}{\text{distance}}$$

$$\text{Rate of change} = \frac{\text{change in value}}{\text{time}}$$

$$\text{Density} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$$

## Properties of Water

Heat energy gained during melting . . . . . 334 J/g

Heat energy released during freezing . . . . . 334 J/g

Heat energy gained during vaporization . . . . . 2260 J/g

Heat energy released during condensation . . . 2260 J/g

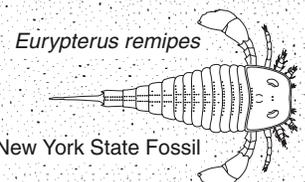
Density at 3.98°C . . . . . 1.0 g/mL

## Average Chemical Composition of Earth's Crust, Hydrosphere, and Troposphere

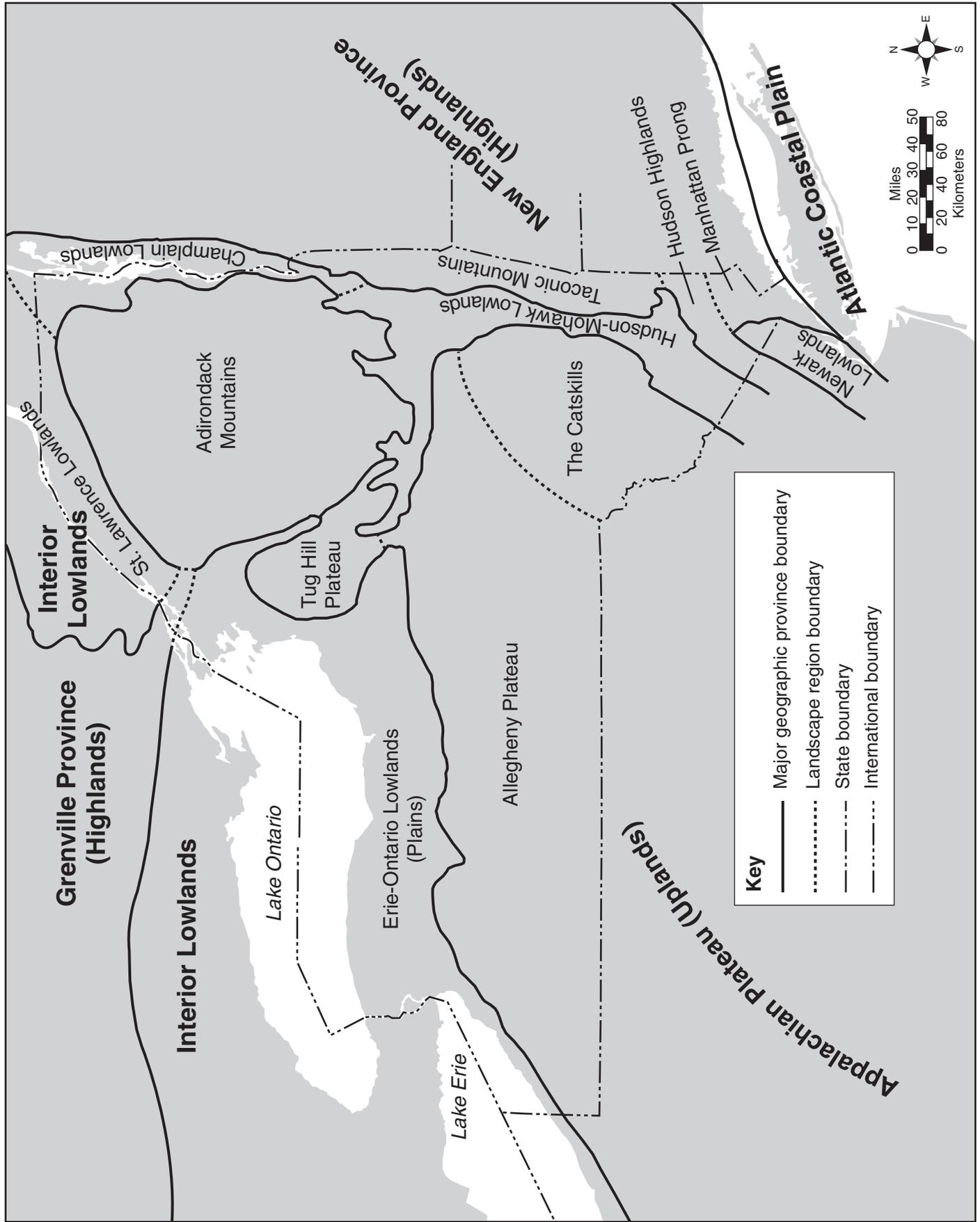
| ELEMENT (symbol) | CRUST           |                   | HYDROSPHERE       | TROPOSPHERE       |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                  | Percent by mass | Percent by volume | Percent by volume | Percent by volume |
| Oxygen (O)       | 46.10           | 94.04             | 33.0              | 21.0              |
| Silicon (Si)     | 28.20           | 0.88              |                   |                   |
| Aluminum (Al)    | 8.23            | 0.48              |                   |                   |
| Iron (Fe)        | 5.63            | 0.49              |                   |                   |
| Calcium (Ca)     | 4.15            | 1.18              |                   |                   |
| Sodium (Na)      | 2.36            | 1.11              |                   |                   |
| Magnesium (Mg)   | 2.33            | 0.33              |                   |                   |
| Potassium (K)    | 2.09            | 1.42              |                   |                   |
| Nitrogen (N)     |                 |                   |                   | 78.0              |
| Hydrogen (H)     |                 |                   | 66.0              |                   |
| Other            | 0.91            | 0.07              | 1.0               | 1.0               |

### 2011 EDITION

This edition of the Earth Science Reference Tables should be used in the classroom beginning in the 2011–12 school year. The first examination for which these tables will be used is the January 2012 Regents Examination in Physical Setting/Earth Science.

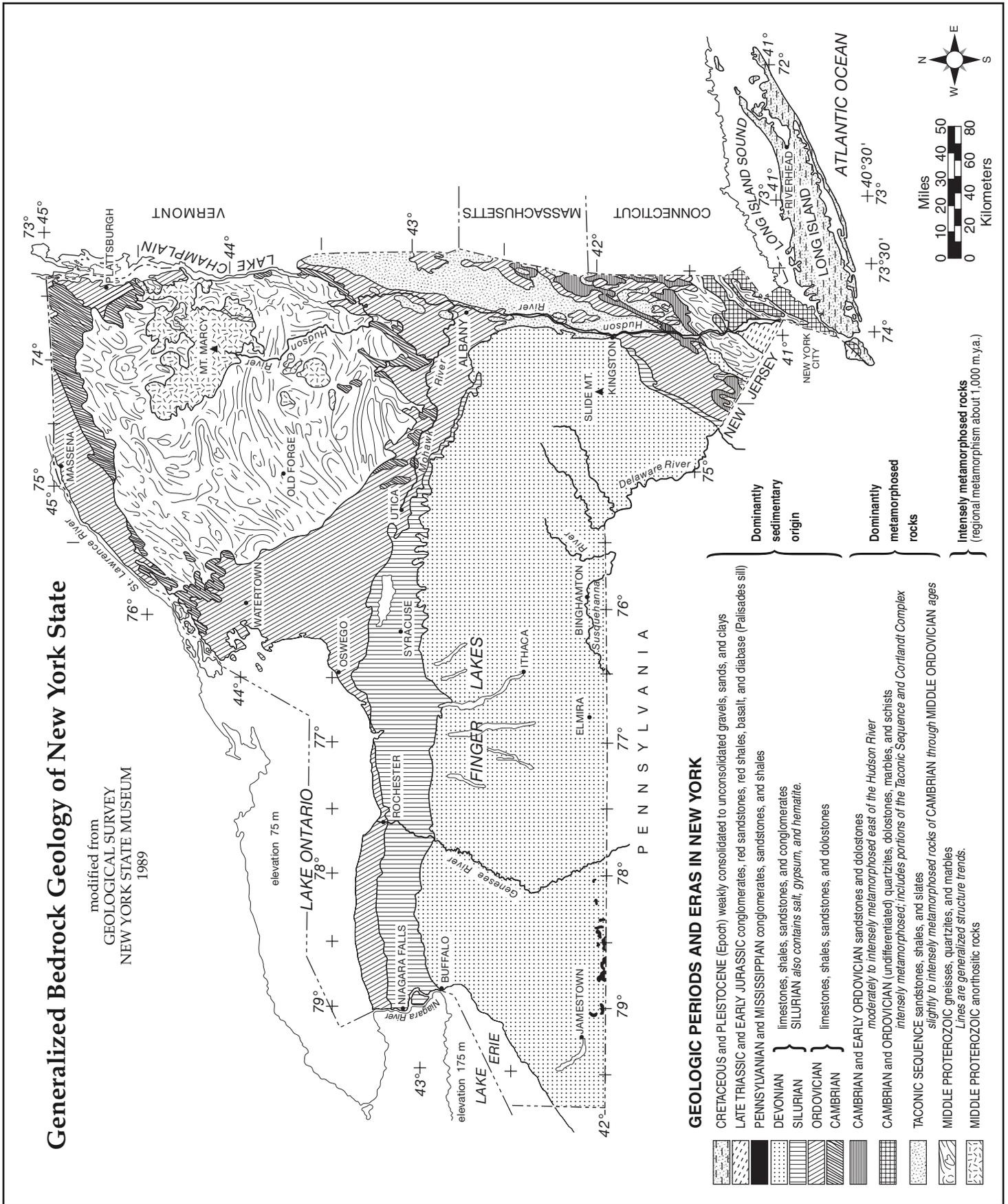


# Generalized Landscape Regions of New York State



# Generalized Bedrock Geology of New York State

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## GEOLOGIC PERIODS AND ERAS IN NEW YORK

- CRETACEOUS and PLEISTOCENE (Epoch) weakly consolidated gravels, sands, and clays
- LATE TRIASSIC and EARLY JURASSIC conglomerates, red sandstones, red shales, basalt, and diabase (Palisades sill)
- PENNSYLVANIAN and MISSISSIPPIAN conglomerates, sandstones, and shales
- DEVONIAN } limestones, shales, sandstones, and conglomerates
- SILURIAN } SILURIAN also contains salt, gypsum, and hematite.
- ORDOVICIAN } limestones, shales, sandstones, and dolostones
- CAMBRIAN } limestones, shales, sandstones, and dolostones
- CAMBRIAN and EARLY ORDOVICIAN sandstones and dolostones  
*moderately to intensely metamorphosed east of the Hudson River*
- CAMBRIAN and ORDOVICIAN (undifferentiated) quartzites, dolostones, marbles, and schists  
*intensely metamorphosed; includes portions of the Taconic Sequence and Corlandt Complex*
- TACONIC SEQUENCE sandstones, shales, and slates  
*slightly to intensely metamorphosed rocks of CAMBRIAN through MIDDLE ORDOVICIAN ages*
- MIDDLE PROTEROZOIC gneisses, quartzites, and marbles
- MIDDLE PROTEROZOIC anorthositic rocks

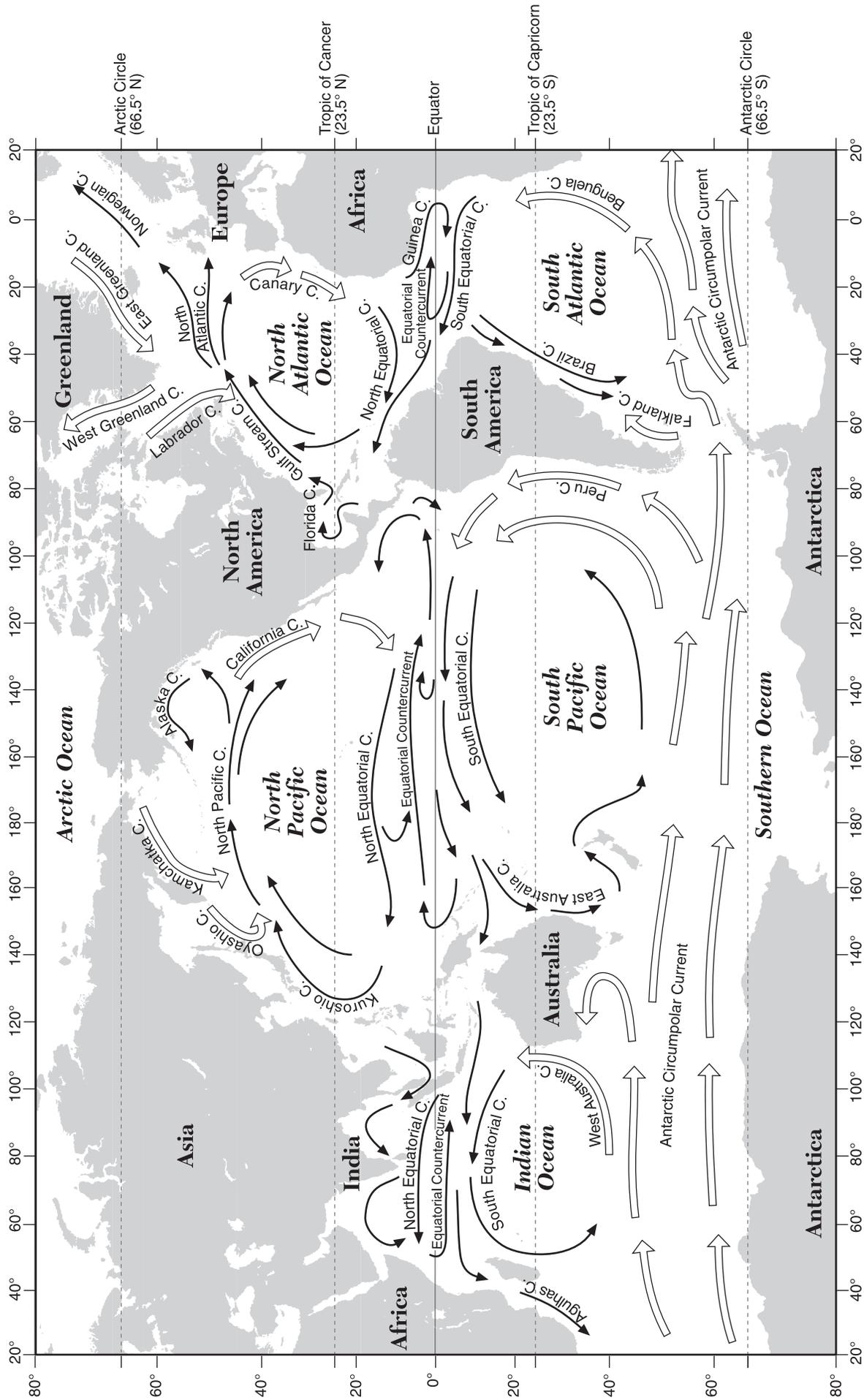
**Dominantly sedimentary origin**

**Dominantly metamorphosed rocks**

**Intensely metamorphosed rocks**  
(regional metamorphism about 1,000 m.y.a.)



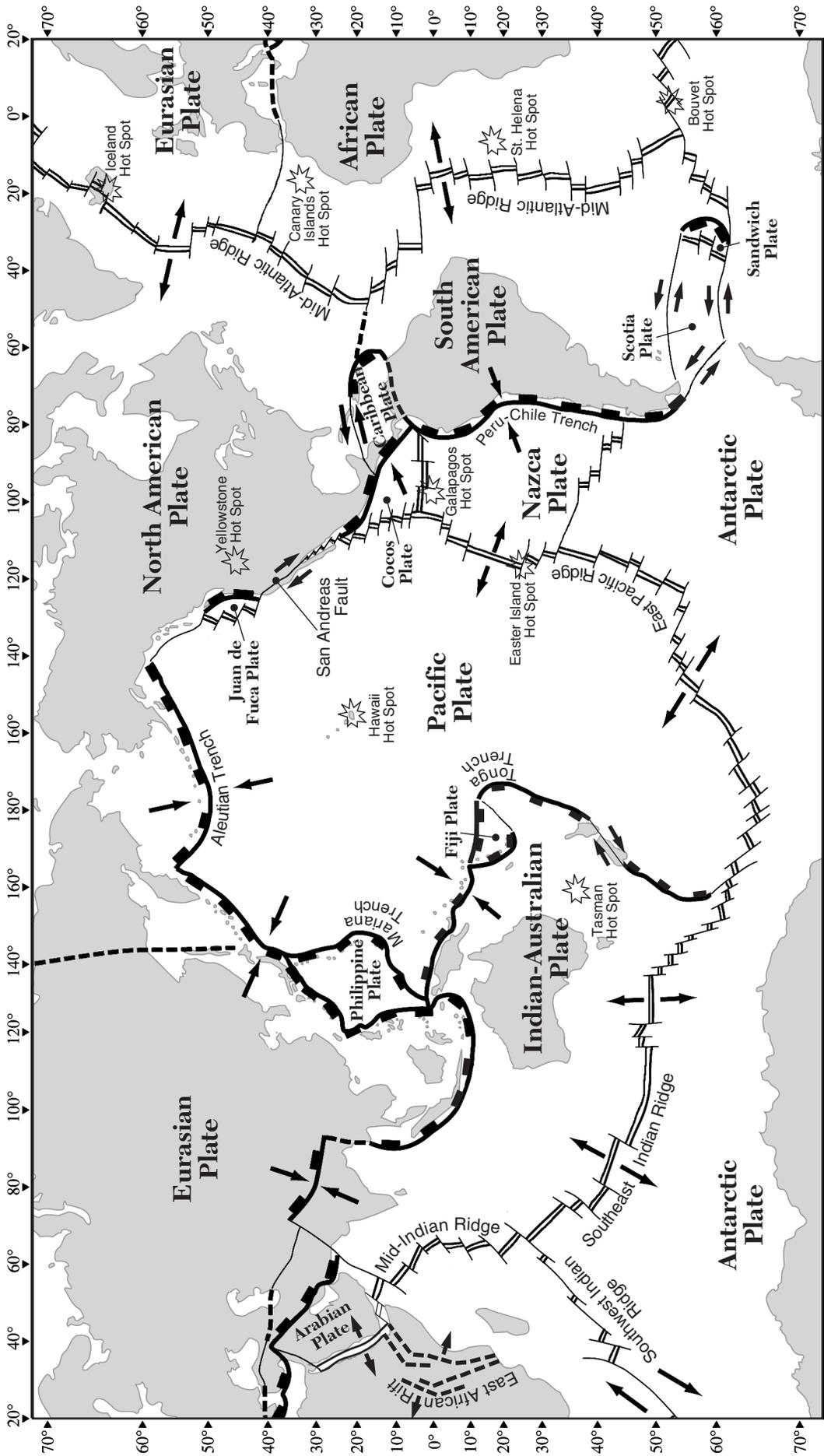
# Surface Ocean Currents



| Key |               |
|-----|---------------|
|     | Warm currents |
|     | Cool currents |

NOTE: Not all surface ocean currents are shown.

# Tectonic Plates

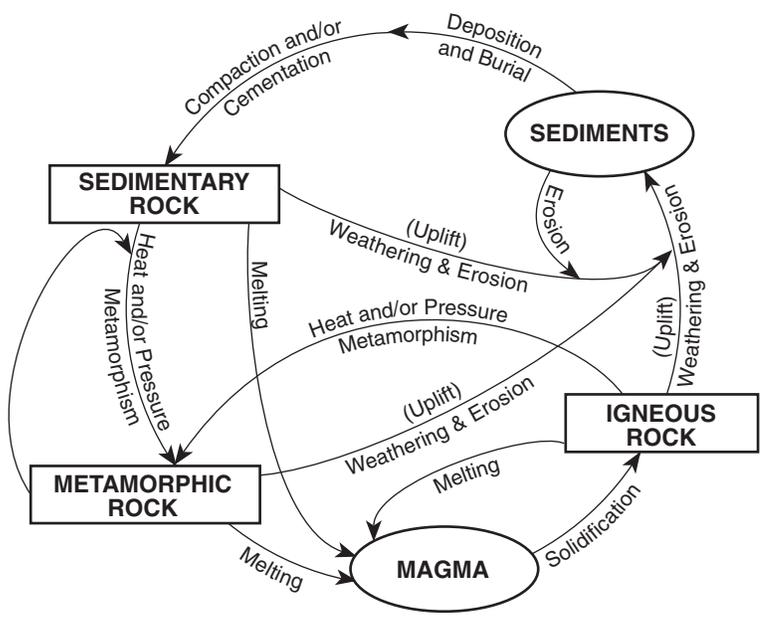


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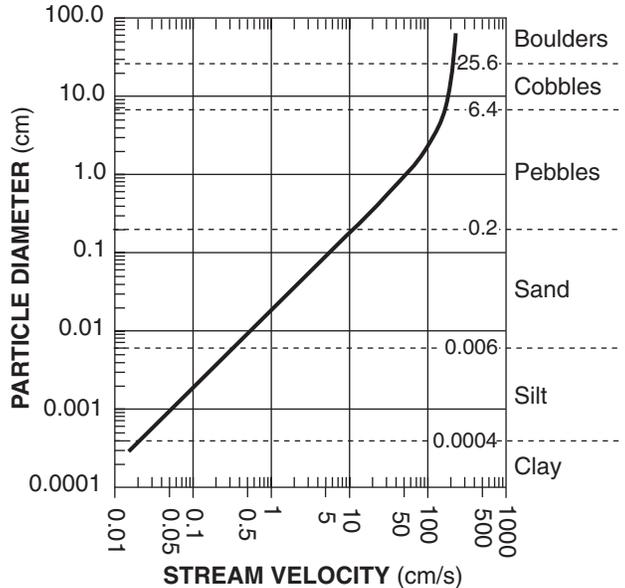
- Relative motion at plate boundary (transform fault)
- Complex or uncertain plate boundary
- Convergent plate boundary (subduction zone)
- Divergent plate boundary (usually broken by transform faults along mid-ocean ridges)
- Mantle hot spot

NOTE: Not all mantle hot spots, plates, and boundaries are shown.

## Rock Cycle in Earth's Crust



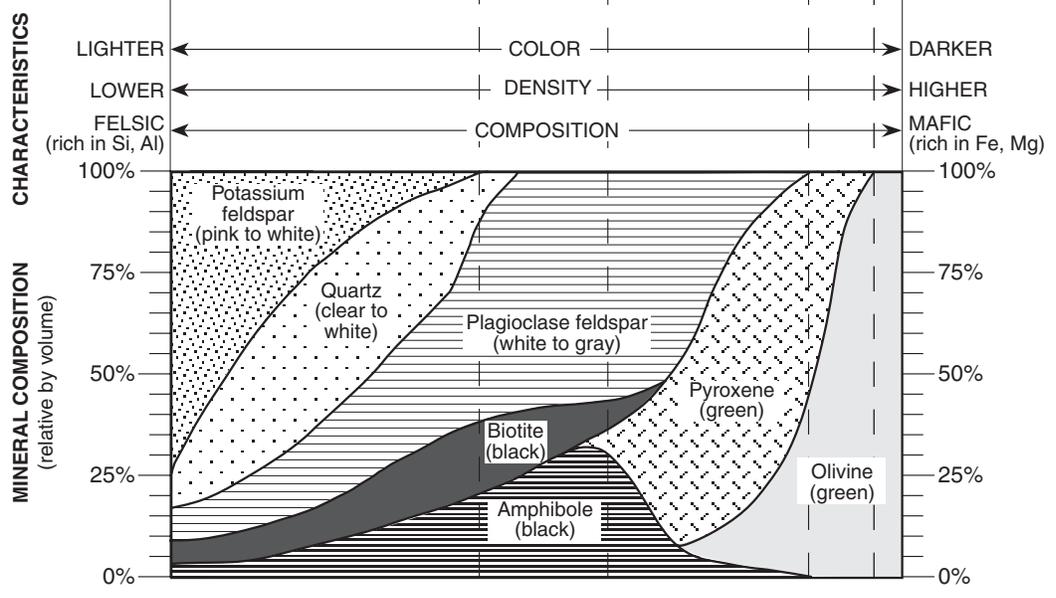
## Relationship of Transported Particle Size to Water Velocity



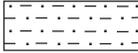
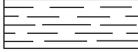
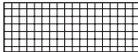
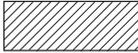
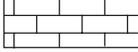
This generalized graph shows the water velocity needed to maintain, but not start, movement. Variations occur due to differences in particle density and shape.

## Scheme for Igneous Rock Identification

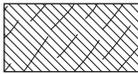
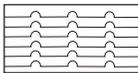
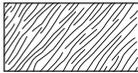
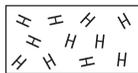
| ENVIRONMENT OF FORMATION |  | CRYSTAL SIZE                     |                    |                  |                | TEXTURE |                         |
|--------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|---------|-------------------------|
|                          |  | Obsidian (usually appears black) | Basaltic glass     | Pumice           | Scoria         | Glassy  | Non-vesicular           |
| EXTRUSIVE (Volcanic)     |  | Vesicular rhyolite               | Vesicular andesite | Vesicular basalt | less than 1 mm | Fine    | Vesicular (gas pockets) |
|                          |  | Rhyolite                         | Andesite           | Basalt           |                |         |                         |
|                          |  | Granite                          | Diorite            | Diabase          | 1 mm to 10 mm  | Coarse  | Non-vesicular           |
| Pegmatite                |  | Gabbro                           | Peridotite         | Dunite           |                |         |                         |
| INTRUSIVE (Plutonic)     |  |                                  |                    |                  |                |         |                         |



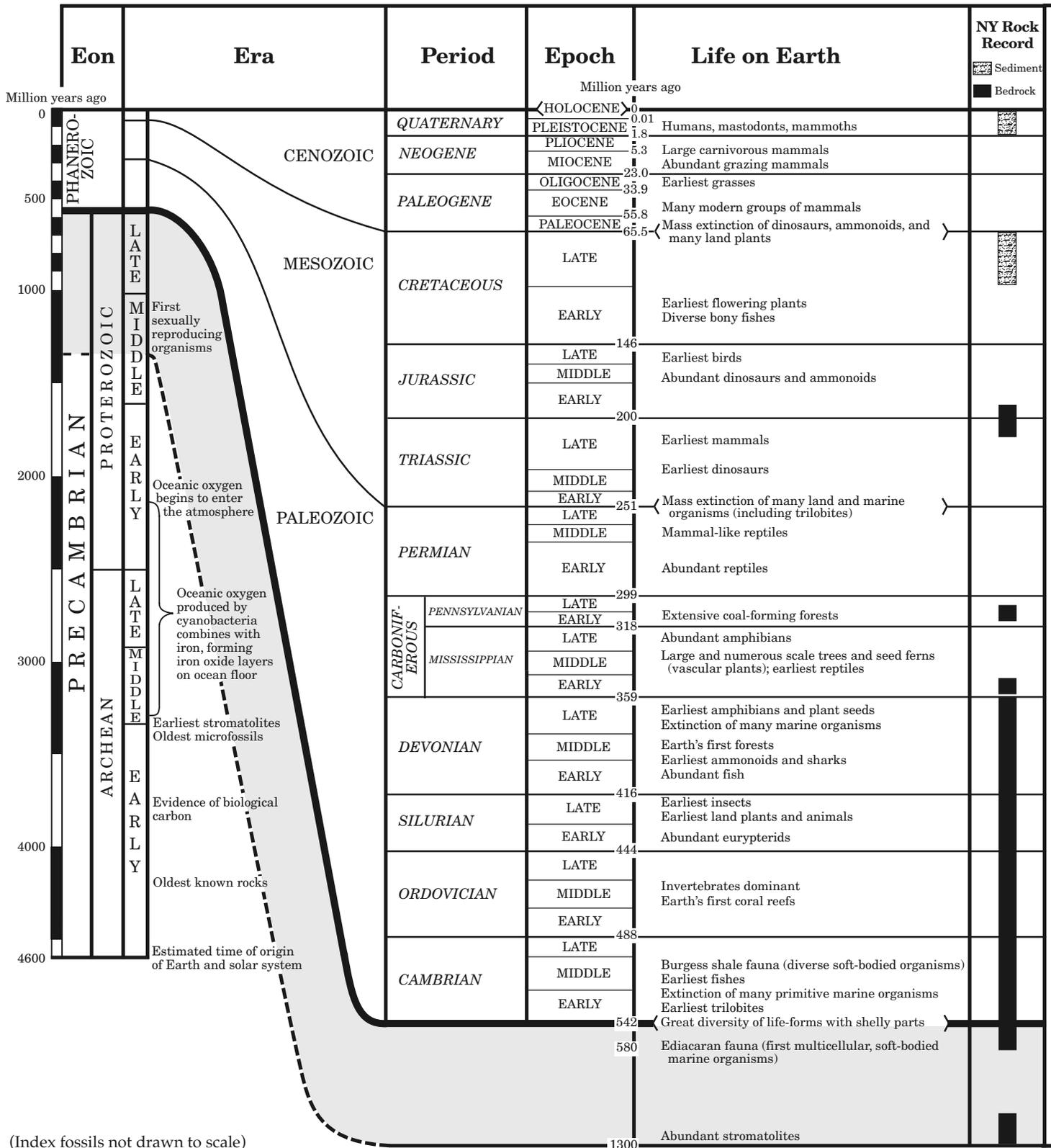
## Scheme for Sedimentary Rock Identification

| INORGANIC LAND-DERIVED SEDIMENTARY ROCKS               |  |  |   |                            |   |
|--|--|--|---|----------------------------|---|
| TEXTURE  | GRAIN SIZE   | COMPOSITION  | COMMENTS  | ROCK NAME                  | MAP SYMBOL  |
| Clastic<br>(fragmental)                                | Pebbles, cobbles,<br>and/or boulders<br>embedded in sand,<br>silt, and/or clay | Mostly<br>quartz,<br>feldspar, and<br>clay minerals;<br>may contain<br>fragments of<br>other rocks<br>and minerals | Rounded fragments   | <b>Conglomerate</b>        |  |
|  |  |  | Angular fragments   | <b>Breccia</b>             |  |
|  | Sand<br>(0.006 to 0.2 cm)  |  | Fine to coarse  | <b>Sandstone</b>           |  |
|  | Silt<br>(0.0004 to 0.006 cm)   |  | Very fine grain   | <b>Siltstone</b>           |  |
| Clay<br>(less than 0.0004 cm)                          | Compact; may split<br>easily   | <b>Shale</b>   |  |                            |   |
| CHEMICALLY AND/OR ORGANICALLY FORMED SEDIMENTARY ROCKS |  |  |   |                            |   |
| TEXTURE  | GRAIN SIZE   | COMPOSITION  | COMMENTS  | ROCK NAME                  | MAP SYMBOL  |
| Crystalline  | Fine<br>to<br>coarse<br>crystals   | Halite   | Crystals from<br>chemical<br>precipitates<br>and evaporites                         | <b>Rock salt</b>           |  |
|  |  | Gypsum   |   | <b>Rock gypsum</b>         |  |
|  |  | Dolomite   |   | <b>Dolostone</b>           |  |
| Crystalline or<br>bioclastic                           | Microscopic to<br>very coarse  | Calcite  | Precipitates of biologic<br>origin or cemented shell<br>fragments                   | <b>Limestone</b>           |  |
| Bioclastic   |  | Carbon   |   | Compacted<br>plant remains | <b>Bituminous coal</b>  |

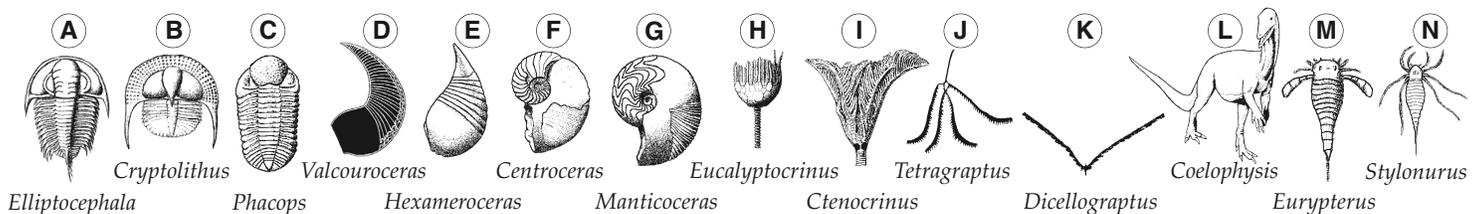
## Scheme for Metamorphic Rock Identification

| TEXTURE  | GRAIN SIZE             | COMPOSITION   | TYPE OF METAMORPHISM                                     | COMMENTS   | ROCK NAME   | MAP SYMBOL  |
|--|------------------------|---|--|--|---|---|
| FOLIATED<br><br>MINERAL<br>ALIGNMENT<br><br><br>BAND-<br>ING | Fine                   | MICA<br>QUARTZ<br>FELDSPAR<br>AMPHIBOLE<br>GARNET<br>PYROXENE | Regional<br>(Heat and<br>pressure<br>increases)<br><br>↓ | Low-grade<br>metamorphism of shale                                       | <b>Slate</b>  |  |
|  | Fine to<br>medium      |   |  | Foliation surfaces shiny<br>from microscopic mica<br>crystals            | <b>Phyllite</b>   |  |
|  | Medium<br>to<br>coarse |   |  | Platy mica crystals visible<br>from metamorphism of clay<br>or feldspars | <b>Schist</b>   |  |
|  |                        |   |  | High-grade metamorphism;<br>mineral types segregated<br>into bands       | <b>Gneiss</b>   |  |
| NONFOLIATED  | Fine                   | Carbon  | Regional   | Metamorphism of<br>bituminous coal                                       | <b>Anthracite coal</b>  |  |
|  | Fine                   | Various<br>minerals   | Contact<br>(heat)  | Various rocks changed by<br>heat from nearby<br>magma/lava               | <b>Hornfels</b>   |  |
|  | Fine<br>to<br>coarse   | Quartz  | Regional<br>or<br>contact                                | Metamorphism of<br>quartz sandstone                                      | <b>Quartzite</b>  |  |
|  |                        | Calcite and/or<br>dolomite                                    |  | Metamorphism of<br>limestone or dolostone                                | <b>Marble</b>   |  |
| Coarse   | Various<br>minerals    |   | Pebbles may be distorted<br>or stretched                 | <b>Metaconglomerate</b>  |  |   |

# GEOLOGIC HISTORY

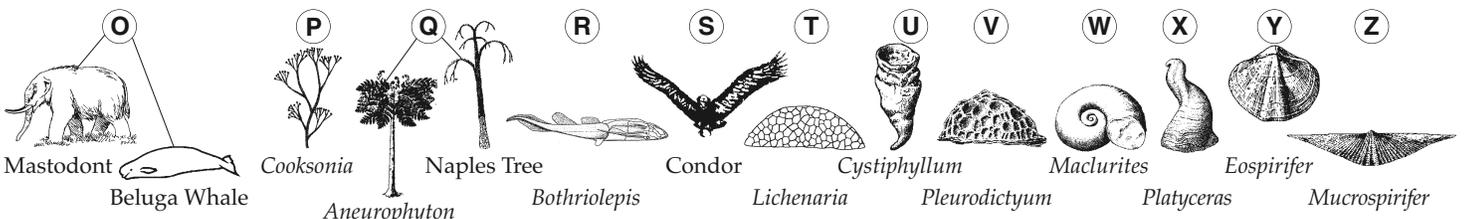


(Index fossils not drawn to scale)

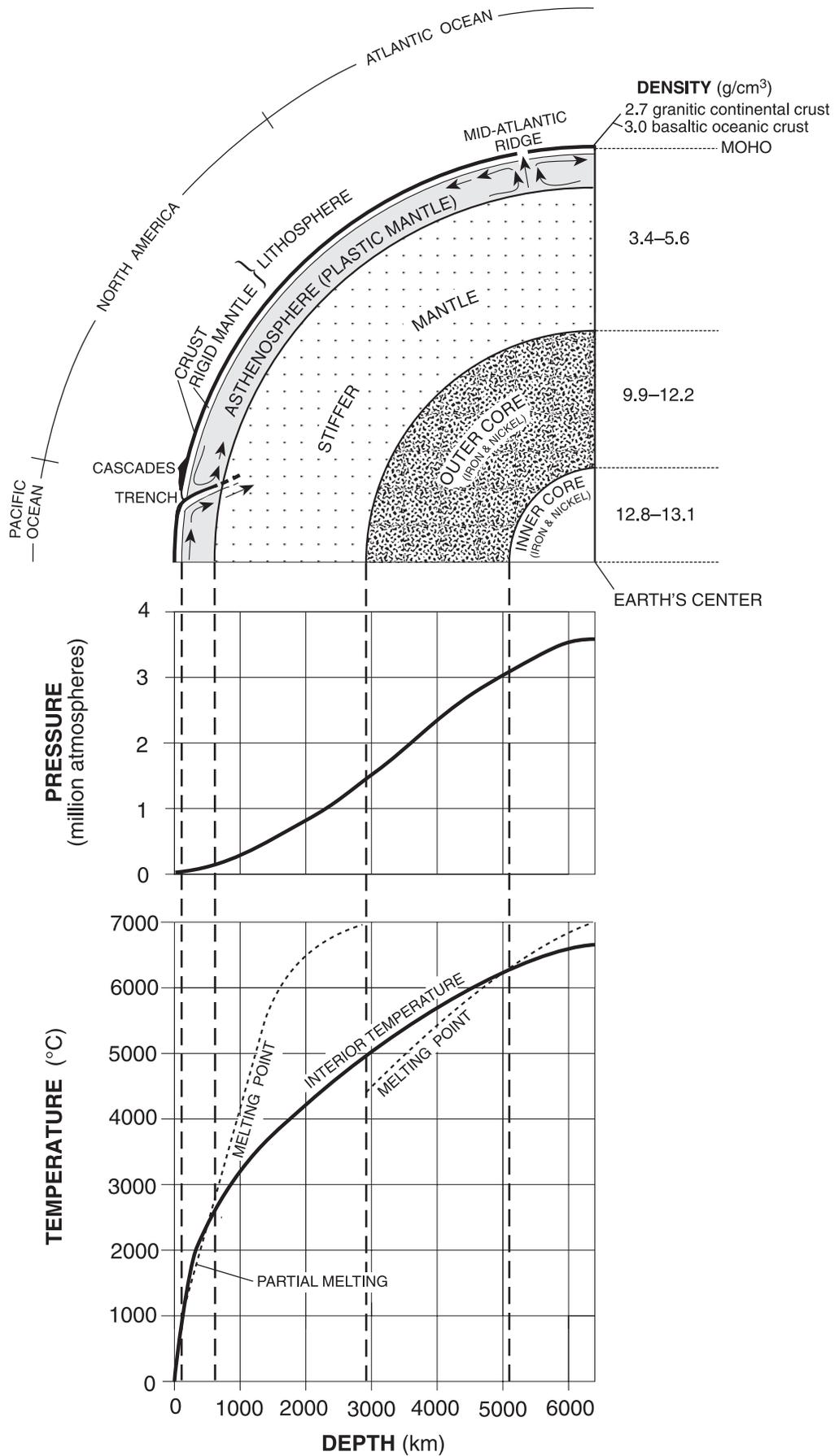


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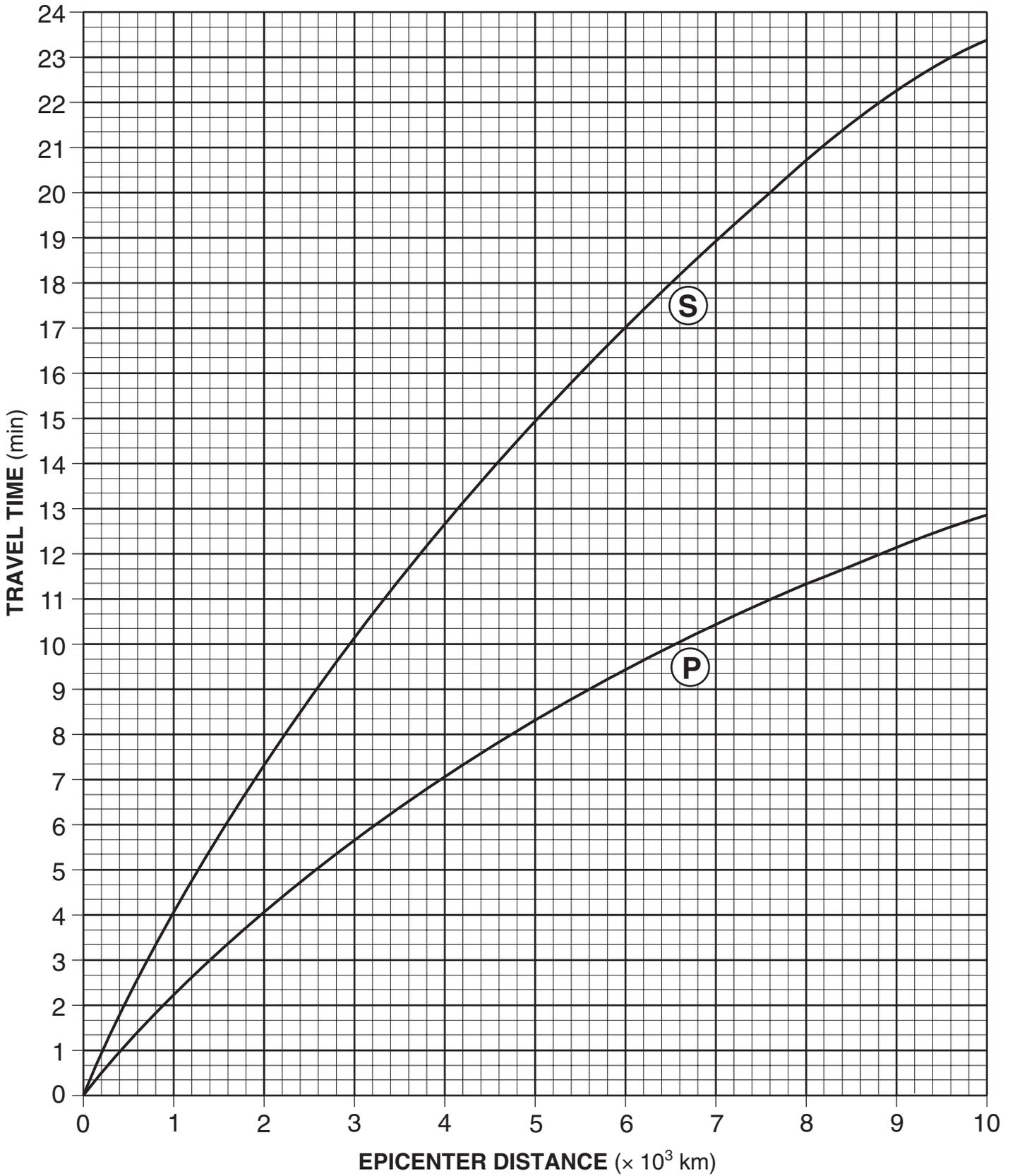
| <b>Time Distribution of Fossils</b><br><b>(including important fossils of New York)</b><br>The center of each lettered circle indicates the approximate time of existence of a specific index fossil (e.g. Fossil <b>A</b> ) lived at the end of the Early Cambrian). | <b>Important Geologic Events in New York</b>  | <b>Inferred Positions of Earth's Landmasses</b> |
|---|---|---|
|   | Advance and retreat of last continental ice   |   |
|   | Sands and clays underlying Long Island and Staten Island deposited on margin of Atlantic Ocean  |   |
|   | Dome-like uplift of Adirondack region begins  |   |
|   | Initial opening of Atlantic Ocean<br>North America and Africa separate<br>{ Intrusion of Palisades sill }<br>Pangaea begins to break up   |   |
|   | <b>Alleghenian orogeny</b> caused by collision of North America and Africa along transform margin, forming Pangaea  |   |
|   | Catskill delta forms<br>Erosion of Acadian Mountains<br><b>Acadian orogeny</b> caused by collision of North America and Avalon and closing of remaining part of Iapetus Ocean                 |   |
|   | Salt and gypsum deposited in evaporite basins   |   |
|   | Erosion of Taconic Mountains; Queenston delta forms<br><b>Taconian orogeny</b> caused by closing of western part of Iapetus Ocean and collision between North America and volcanic island arc |   |
|   | Widespread deposition over most of New York along edge of Iapetus Ocean   |   |
|   | Rifting and initial opening of Iapetus Ocean<br>Erosion of Grenville Mountains<br><b>Grenville orogeny:</b> metamorphism of bedrock now exposed in the Adirondacks and Hudson Highlands       |   |



# Inferred Properties of Earth's Interior



# Earthquake P-Wave and S-Wave Travel Time



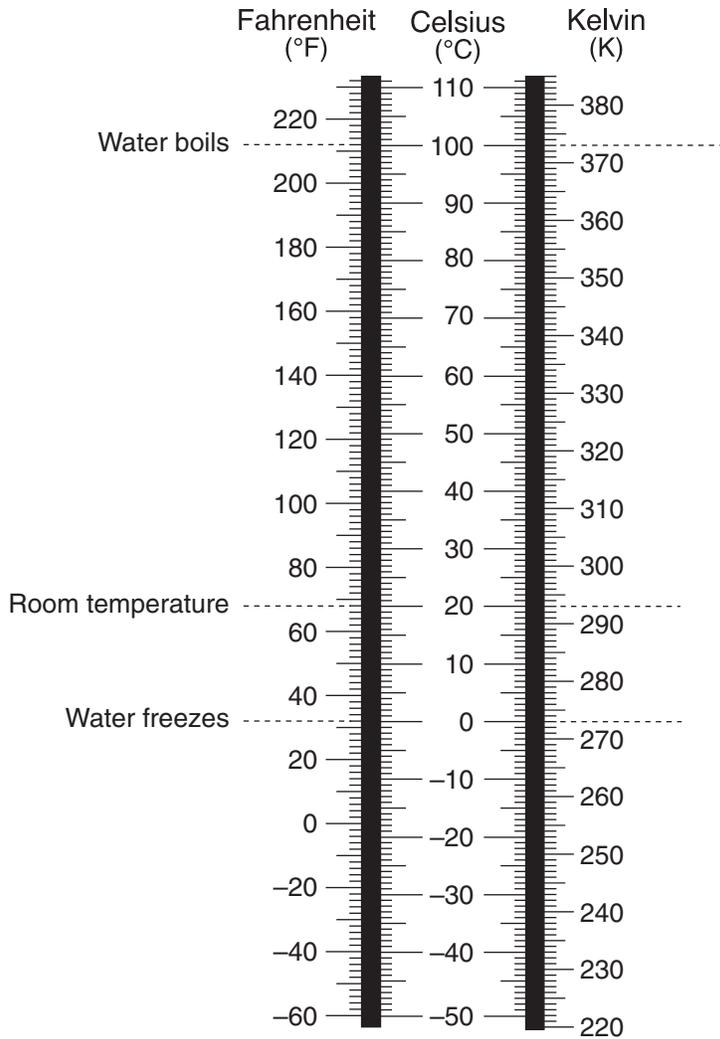
## Dewpoint (°C)

| Dry-Bulb Temperature (°C) | Difference Between Wet-Bulb and Dry-Bulb Temperatures (C°) |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|---------------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|                           | 0  | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  |
| -20                       | -20  | -33 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| -18                       | -18  | -28 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| -16                       | -16  | -24 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| -14                       | -14  | -21 | -36 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| -12                       | -12  | -18 | -28 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| -10                       | -10  | -14 | -22 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| -8                        | -8   | -12 | -18 | -29 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| -6                        | -6   | -10 | -14 | -22 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| -4                        | -4   | -7  | -12 | -17 | -29 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| -2                        | -2   | -5  | -8  | -13 | -20 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 0                         | 0  | -3  | -6  | -9  | -15 | -24 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 2                         | 2  | -1  | -3  | -6  | -11 | -17 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 4                         | 4  | 1   | -1  | -4  | -7  | -11 | -19 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 6                         | 6  | 4   | 1   | -1  | -4  | -7  | -13 | -21 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 8                         | 8  | 6   | 3   | 1   | -2  | -5  | -9  | -14 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 10                        | 10   | 8   | 6   | 4   | 1   | -2  | -5  | -9  | -14 | -28 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 12                        | 12   | 10  | 8   | 6   | 4   | 1   | -2  | -5  | -9  | -16 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 14                        | 14   | 12  | 11  | 9   | 6   | 4   | 1   | -2  | -5  | -10 | -17 |     |     |     |     |     |
| 16                        | 16   | 14  | 13  | 11  | 9   | 7   | 4   | 1   | -1  | -6  | -10 | -17 |     |     |     |     |
| 18                        | 18   | 16  | 15  | 13  | 11  | 9   | 7   | 4   | 2   | -2  | -5  | -10 | -19 |     |     |     |
| 20                        | 20   | 19  | 17  | 15  | 14  | 12  | 10  | 7   | 4   | 2   | -2  | -5  | -10 | -19 |     |     |
| 22                        | 22   | 21  | 19  | 17  | 16  | 14  | 12  | 10  | 8   | 5   | 3   | -1  | -5  | -10 | -19 |     |
| 24                        | 24   | 23  | 21  | 20  | 18  | 16  | 14  | 12  | 10  | 8   | 6   | 2   | -1  | -5  | -10 | -18 |
| 26                        | 26   | 25  | 23  | 22  | 20  | 18  | 17  | 15  | 13  | 11  | 9   | 6   | 3   | 0   | -4  | -9  |
| 28                        | 28   | 27  | 25  | 24  | 22  | 21  | 19  | 17  | 16  | 14  | 11  | 9   | 7   | 4   | 1   | -3  |
| 30                        | 30   | 29  | 27  | 26  | 24  | 23  | 21  | 19  | 18  | 16  | 14  | 12  | 10  | 8   | 5   | 1   |

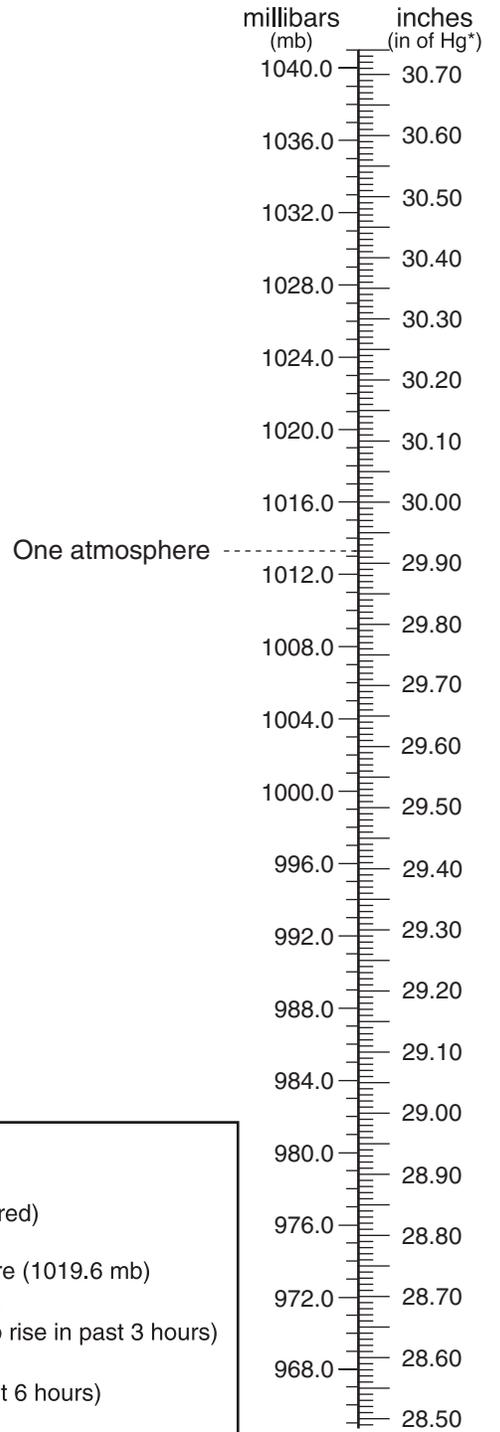
## Relative Humidity (%)

| Dry-Bulb Temperature (°C) | Difference Between Wet-Bulb and Dry-Bulb Temperatures (C°) |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------------------|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|                           | 0  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| -20                       | 100  | 28 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| -18                       | 100  | 40 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| -16                       | 100  | 48 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| -14                       | 100  | 55 | 11 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| -12                       | 100  | 61 | 23 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| -10                       | 100  | 66 | 33 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| -8                        | 100  | 71 | 41 | 13 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| -6                        | 100  | 73 | 48 | 20 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| -4                        | 100  | 77 | 54 | 32 | 11 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| -2                        | 100  | 79 | 58 | 37 | 20 | 1  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 0                         | 100  | 81 | 63 | 45 | 28 | 11 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 2                         | 100  | 83 | 67 | 51 | 36 | 20 | 6  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 4                         | 100  | 85 | 70 | 56 | 42 | 27 | 14 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 6                         | 100  | 86 | 72 | 59 | 46 | 35 | 22 | 10 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 8                         | 100  | 87 | 74 | 62 | 51 | 39 | 28 | 17 | 6  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 10                        | 100  | 88 | 76 | 65 | 54 | 43 | 33 | 24 | 13 | 4  |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 12                        | 100  | 88 | 78 | 67 | 57 | 48 | 38 | 28 | 19 | 10 | 2  |    |    |    |    |    |
| 14                        | 100  | 89 | 79 | 69 | 60 | 50 | 41 | 33 | 25 | 16 | 8  | 1  |    |    |    |    |
| 16                        | 100  | 90 | 80 | 71 | 62 | 54 | 45 | 37 | 29 | 21 | 14 | 7  | 1  |    |    |    |
| 18                        | 100  | 91 | 81 | 72 | 64 | 56 | 48 | 40 | 33 | 26 | 19 | 12 | 6  |    |    |    |
| 20                        | 100  | 91 | 82 | 74 | 66 | 58 | 51 | 44 | 36 | 30 | 23 | 17 | 11 | 5  |    |    |
| 22                        | 100  | 92 | 83 | 75 | 68 | 60 | 53 | 46 | 40 | 33 | 27 | 21 | 15 | 10 | 4  |    |
| 24                        | 100  | 92 | 84 | 76 | 69 | 62 | 55 | 49 | 42 | 36 | 30 | 25 | 20 | 14 | 9  | 4  |
| 26                        | 100  | 92 | 85 | 77 | 70 | 64 | 57 | 51 | 45 | 39 | 34 | 28 | 23 | 18 | 13 | 9  |
| 28                        | 100  | 93 | 86 | 78 | 71 | 65 | 59 | 53 | 47 | 42 | 36 | 31 | 26 | 21 | 17 | 12 |
| 30                        | 100  | 93 | 86 | 79 | 72 | 66 | 61 | 55 | 49 | 44 | 39 | 34 | 29 | 25 | 20 | 16 |

## Temperature



## Pressure

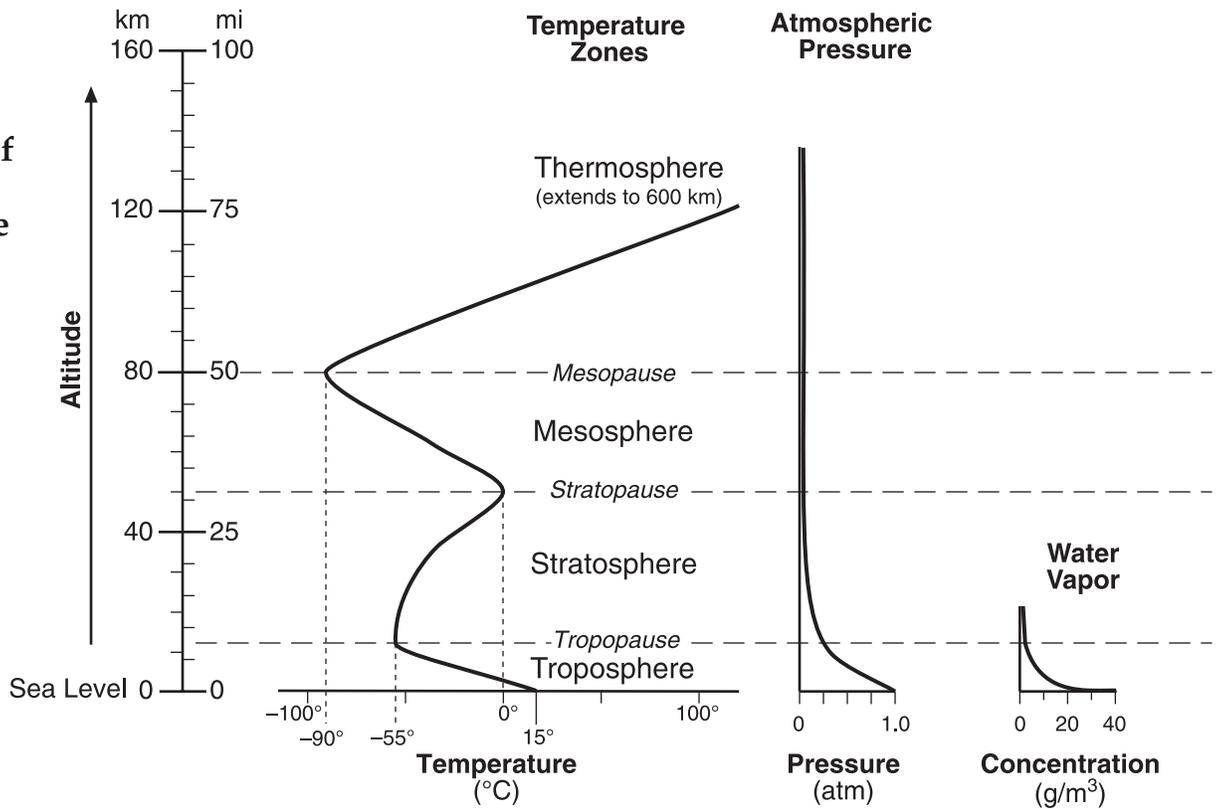


## Key to Weather Map Symbols

| Station Model | Station Model Explanation  |
|---------------|--|
|               | <p style="text-align: center;">Present weather</p> <p>Amount of cloud cover (approximately 75% covered)</p> <p>Temperature (°F) <b>28</b></p> <p>Barometric pressure (1019.6 mb) <b>196</b></p> <p>Visibility (mi) <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> *</p> <p>Barometric trend (a steady 1.9-mb rise in past 3 hours) <b>+19/</b></p> <p>Dewpoint (°F) <b>27</b></p> <p>Precipitation (0.25 inches in past 6 hours) <b>.25</b></p> <p>Wind speed</p> <p>Wind direction (from the southwest)</p> <p>(1 knot = 1.15 mi/h)</p> <p>[ whole feather = 10 knots<br/>half feather = 5 knots<br/>total = 15 knots ]</p> |

| Present Weather   | Air Masses  | Fronts                                 | Hurricane              |
|---|---|--|------------------------|
| Drizzle<br>Rain<br>Smog<br>Hail<br>Thunderstorms<br>Rain showers<br>Snow<br>Sleet<br>Freezing rain<br>Fog<br>Haze<br>Snow showers | cA continental arctic<br>cP continental polar<br>cT continental tropical<br>mT maritime tropical<br>mP maritime polar | Cold<br>Warm<br>Stationary<br>Occluded | <br><b>Tornado</b><br> |

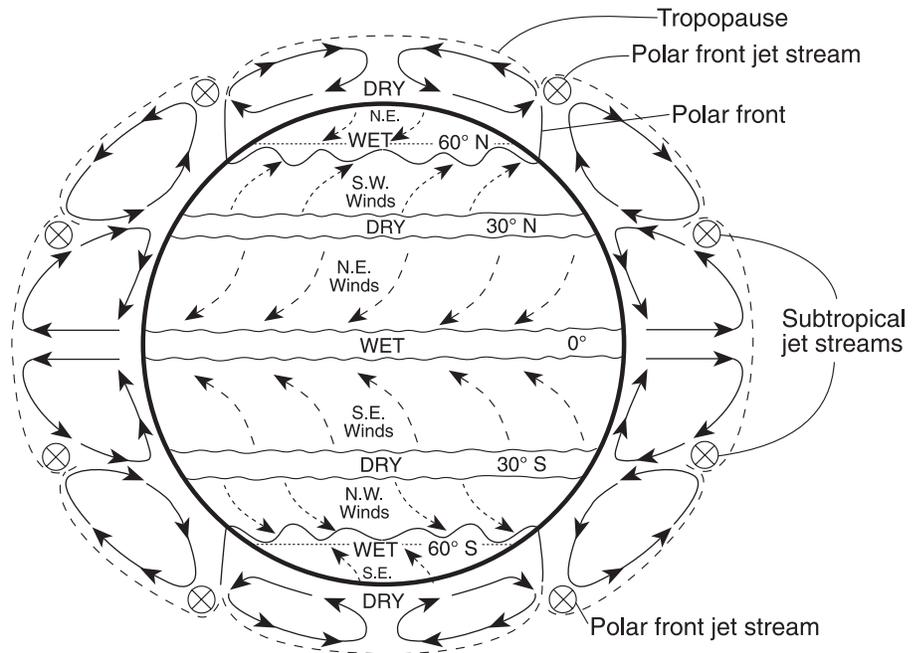
## Selected Properties of Earth's Atmosphere



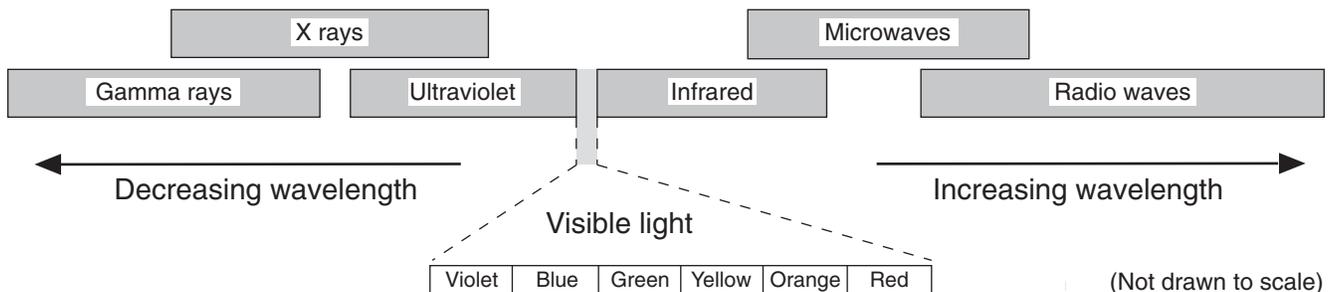
## Planetary Wind and Moisture Belts in the Troposphere

The drawing on the right shows the locations of the belts near the time of an equinox. The locations shift somewhat with the changing latitude of the Sun's vertical ray. In the Northern Hemisphere, the belts shift northward in the summer and southward in the winter.

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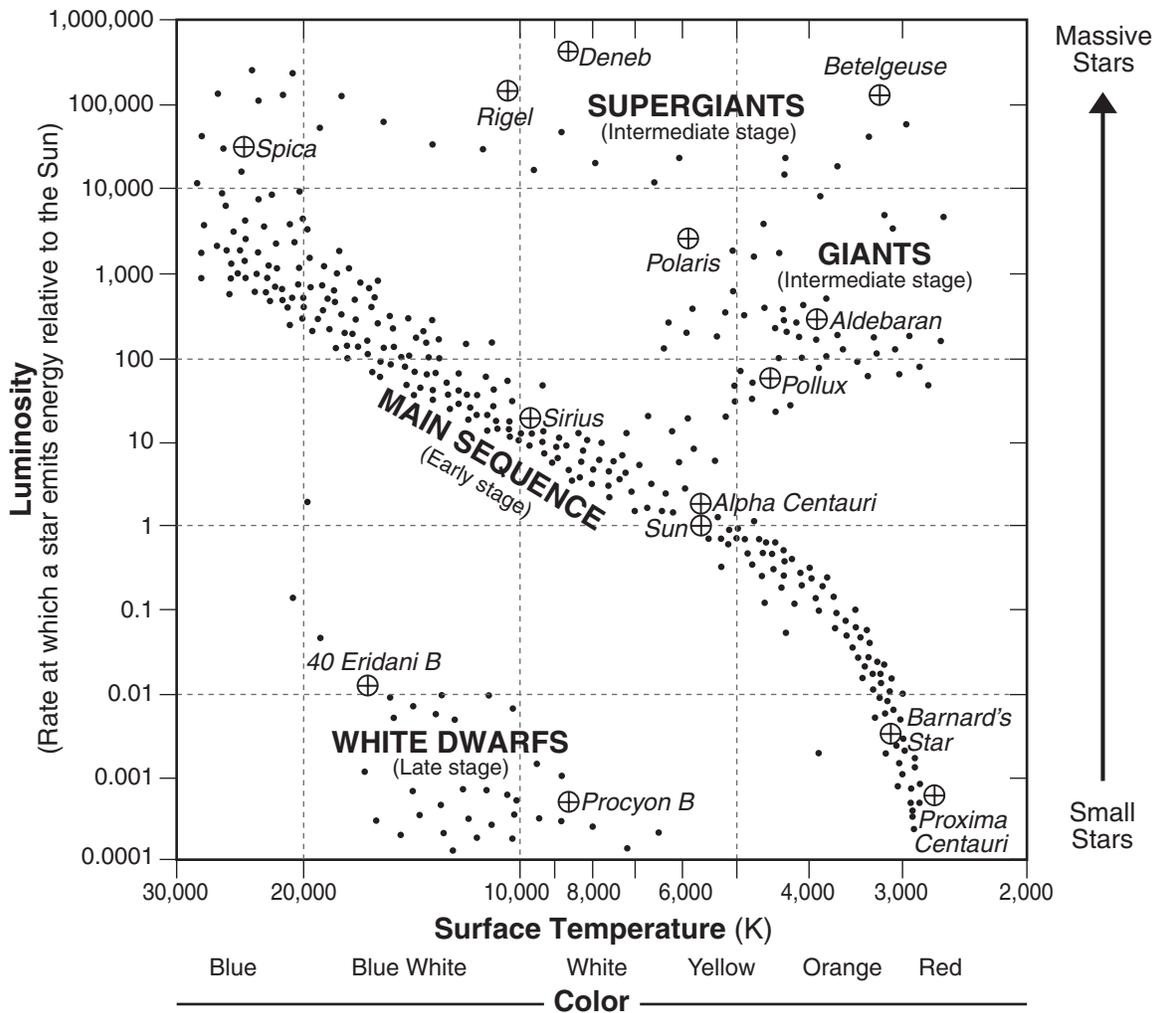
## Electromagnetic Spectrum



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## Characteristics of Stars

(Name in *italics* refers to star represented by a ⊕.)  
 (Stages indicate the general sequence of star development.)



## Solar System Data

| Celestial Object | Mean Distance from Sun (million km) | Period of Revolution (d=days) (y=years) | Period of Rotation at Equator | Eccentricity of Orbit | Equatorial Diameter (km) | Mass (Earth = 1) | Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| SUN              | —                                   | —                                       | 27 d                          | —                     | 1,392,000                | 333,000.00       | 1.4                          |
| MERCURY          | 57.9                                | 88 d                                    | 59 d                          | 0.206                 | 4,879                    | 0.06             | 5.4                          |
| VENUS            | 108.2                               | 224.7 d                                 | 243 d                         | 0.007                 | 12,104                   | 0.82             | 5.2                          |
| EARTH            | 149.6                               | 365.26 d                                | 23 h 56 min 4 s               | 0.017                 | 12,756                   | 1.00             | 5.5                          |
| MARS             | 227.9                               | 687 d                                   | 24 h 37 min 23 s              | 0.093                 | 6,794                    | 0.11             | 3.9                          |
| JUPITER          | 778.4                               | 11.9 y                                  | 9 h 50 min 30 s               | 0.048                 | 142,984                  | 317.83           | 1.3                          |
| SATURN           | 1,426.7                             | 29.5 y                                  | 10 h 14 min                   | 0.054                 | 120,536                  | 95.16            | 0.7                          |
| URANUS           | 2,871.0                             | 84.0 y                                  | 17 h 14 min                   | 0.047                 | 51,118                   | 14.54            | 1.3                          |
| NEPTUNE          | 4,498.3                             | 164.8 y                                 | 16 h                          | 0.009                 | 49,528                   | 17.15            | 1.8                          |
| EARTH'S MOON     | 149.6 (0.386 from Earth)            | 27.3 d                                  | 27.3 d                        | 0.055                 | 3,476                    | 0.01             | 3.3                          |

## Properties of Common Minerals

| LUSTER                    | HARD-<br>NESS  | CLEAVAGE<br>FRACTURE  | COMMON<br>COLORS   | DISTINGUISHING<br>CHARACTERISTICS                                  | USE(S)  | COMPOSITION*   | MINERAL NAME                                       |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--|--|---|--|--|
| <b>Metallic luster</b>    | 1–2            | ✓                     | silver to gray   | black streak, greasy feel  | pencil lead, lubricants   | C  | <b>Graphite</b>                                    |
|                           | 2.5            | ✓                     | metallic silver  | gray-black streak, cubic cleavage, density = 7.6 g/cm <sup>3</sup> | ore of lead, batteries  | PbS  | <b>Galena</b>                                      |
|                           | 5.5–6.5        | ✓                     | black to silver  | black streak, magnetic   | ore of iron, steel  | Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>   | <b>Magnetite</b>                                   |
|                           | 6.5            | ✓                     | brassy yellow  | green-black streak, (fool's gold)                                  | ore of sulfur   | FeS <sub>2</sub>   | <b>Pyrite</b>                                      |
| <b>Either</b>             | 5.5 – 6.5 or 1 | ✓                     | metallic silver or earthy red                            | red-brown streak   | ore of iron, jewelry  | Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>   | <b>Hematite</b>                                    |
| <b>Nonmetallic luster</b> | 1              | ✓                     | white to green   | greasy feel  | ceramics, paper   | Mg <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>4</sub> O <sub>10</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>                                    | <b>Talc</b>  |
|                           | 2              | ✓                     | yellow to amber  | white-yellow streak  | sulfuric acid   | S  | <b>Sulfur</b>                                      |
|                           | 2              | ✓                     | white to pink or gray                                    | easily scratched by fingernail                                     | plaster of paris, drywall                                       | CaSO <sub>4</sub> •2H <sub>2</sub> O   | <b>Selenite gypsum</b>                             |
|                           | 2–2.5          | ✓                     | colorless to yellow                                      | flexible in thin sheets  | paint, roofing  | KAl <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> O <sub>10</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>                                   | <b>Muscovite mica</b>                              |
|                           | 2.5            | ✓                     | colorless to white                                       | cubic cleavage, salty taste  | food additive, melts ice  | NaCl   | <b>Halite</b>                                      |
|                           | 2.5–3          | ✓                     | black to dark brown                                      | flexible in thin sheets  | construction materials  | K(Mg,Fe) <sub>3</sub> AlSi <sub>3</sub> O <sub>10</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>                            | <b>Biotite mica</b>                                |
|                           | 3              | ✓                     | colorless or variable                                    | bubbles with acid, rhombohedral cleavage                           | cement, lime  | CaCO <sub>3</sub>  | <b>Calcite</b>                                     |
|                           | 3.5            | ✓                     | colorless or variable                                    | bubbles with acid when powdered                                    | building stones   | CaMg(CO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>  | <b>Dolomite</b>                                    |
|                           | 4              | ✓                     | colorless or variable                                    | cleaves in 4 directions  | hydrofluoric acid   | CaF <sub>2</sub>   | <b>Fluorite</b>                                    |
|                           | 5–6            | ✓                     | black to dark green                                      | cleaves in 2 directions at 90°                                     | mineral collections, jewelry                                    | (Ca,Na)(Mg,Fe,Al)(Si,Al) <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>   | <b>Pyroxene</b><br>(commonly augite)               |
|                           | 5.5            | ✓                     | black to dark green                                      | cleaves at 56° and 124°  | mineral collections, jewelry                                    | CaNa(Mg,Fe) <sub>4</sub> (Al,Fe,Ti) <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>6</sub> O <sub>22</sub> (O,OH) <sub>2</sub> | <b>Amphibole</b><br>(commonly hornblende)          |
|                           | 6              | ✓                     | white to pink  | cleaves in 2 directions at 90°                                     | ceramics, glass   | KAlSi <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>  | <b>Potassium feldspar</b><br>(commonly orthoclase) |
|                           | 6              | ✓                     | white to gray  | cleaves in 2 directions, striations visible                        | ceramics, glass   | (Na,Ca)AlSi <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>  | <b>Plagioclase feldspar</b>                        |
|                           | 6.5            | ✓                     | green to gray or brown                                   | commonly light green and granular                                  | furnace bricks, jewelry   | (Fe,Mg) <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>4</sub>  | <b>Olivine</b>                                     |
| 7                         | ✓              | colorless or variable | glassy luster, may form hexagonal crystals               | glass, jewelry, electronics  | SiO <sub>2</sub>  | <b>Quartz</b>  |  |
| 6.5–7.5                   | ✓              | dark red to green     | often seen as red glassy grains in NYS metamorphic rocks | jewelry (NYS gem), abrasives                                       | Fe <sub>3</sub> Al <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> O <sub>12</sub> | <b>Garnet</b>  |  |

\*Chemical symbols:    Al = aluminum    Cl = chlorine    H = hydrogen    Na = sodium    S = sulfur  
                                   C = carbon        F = fluorine    K = potassium    O = oxygen    Si = silicon  
                                   Ca = calcium    Fe = iron        Mg = magnesium    Pb = lead        Ti = titanium

✓ = dominant form of breakage

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