

## The Rock Cycle

## Thinking about relationships among the major rock groups





## Major Rock Groups

- Igneous
  - Formed from a melt (molten rock)
  - *Plutonic* (intrusive):slow cooling and crystallization
  - *Volcanic* (extrusion): quick cooling at the surface
- Sedimentary
  - Formed at the Earth's surface
  - Clastic (Mineral Fragments or grains, clays)
  - *Chemical* (crystalline chemical/biochemical precipitates)
- Metamorphic
  - Changed by pressure, temperature and fluids.























## Primary energy sources

Solar radiation



Earth momentum (rotation)







In Conclusion...

- The rock cycle demonstrates the relationships among the three major rock groups
- It is powered by the interior heat of the Earth
- As well as earth's momentum and...
- The energy from the sun
- It involves processes on the Earth's surface as well as the Earth's interior
- It connects the "hydrologic cycle" with the "tectonic cycle".

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INTERNAL AND PLATE TECTONIC SYSTEMS



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→Then add notes to your graphic organizer
→There will be a quiz tomorrow about Rock Cycle and Plate Tectonics.