

Glencoe Curriculum Portfolio Activities—Unit 8



Science

Key information into a database.

What is a mineral? A mineral is an inorganic solid material found in nature. How do you identify different minerals? You identify minerals the same way you identify people—by their characteristics. Minerals have characteristics such as crystals, cleavage and fracture, streak and luster, and hardness.

Use the Internet and your science text, *Glencoe Science: An Introduction to the Life, Earth, and Physical Sciences*, Chapter 15, to learn the characteristics of several minerals.

Key your information into a database that includes the names of the minerals, the type of cleavage and fracture, the streak and luster, and hardness. Be sure to proofread the information in your database.

Resources:

The Internet

Glencoe Science: An Introduction to the Life, Earth, and Physical Sciences

Topic: Earth Science

Chapter 15: Earth Materials, pp. 408-411