



Earth Educators Rendezvous 2019

Teaching Demonstration - Mineral ID Lab Online

- experiment physical geology lab mineral ID, fall 2019
- face-to-face students, supplementary study
- maybe adaptable for online lab?
- public website: media-rich, downloadable docs, etc.
- 1st online test EER19 teaching demonstration
- website access via this PDF

PDF direct links <http://bit.ly/2NSfS XK> - [Link](#)



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Tour Min-ID Website-[Link](#)

A Practical Online Study Guide

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Mineral ID Data Form - Handout/Downloadable

[Link](#)

Learning Mineral Identification with the Mineral Identification Online Study Guide by Scott Brande

<https://sites.google.com/view/mineral-study-guide/home>

Instructions: Make observations, record data, consult resources to identify mineral by name.

A limited online mineral bank is here: <http://bit.ly/2XKUGGK>

	<i>luster</i>	<i>hardness</i>	<i>streak (w-g-b)</i>	<i>streak (colored)</i>	<i>magnetism</i>	<i>HCl reaction</i>	<i>conducts electricity</i>	<i>other properties (cleavage, fracture, crystal form, etc.)</i>	<i>mineral name</i>	<i>formula (if assigned)</i>
	<i>Metallic or Non- metallic (M, NM)</i>	<i>> glass or < glass</i>	<i>white, gray, or black</i>	<i>Red, Ora, Yel, Gre, Blu, Pur</i>	<i>Magnetic, or Not magnetic</i>	<i>Strong, or Weak to None</i>	<i>Conducts, or Doesn't Conduct</i>			
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Compare Unknowns w/Limited Mineral Bank (n=24)

Online Mineral Bank-[Link](#)

Mineral Bank	Properties							
Name (alphabetical order) (links, <i>text</i> and <i>images</i>)	<i>Luster?</i> (NM=non-metallic; M=metallic). Note 1.	<i>Hardness - scratches glass plate?</i> Note 2.	<i>Streak color?</i> Note 3.	<i>"Typical" bulk color?</i> Note 4.	<i>Magnetic?</i>	<i>Reacts with HCl?</i>	<i>Conducts electricity?</i>	<i>Other Distinctive Properties (e.g., cleavage, fracture, crystal form, etc.)</i>
bauxite	NM	no 1<H<3	white (stained)	variable, tan, orange, reddish, etc.	no	no	no	typically fine-grained, pisolitic texture (pea-like rounded shape)
biotite	NM	no 2.5<H<3	white to gray	very dark green, to brownish- black	no	no	no	perfect single cleavage produces thin sheets of irregular outline
calcite	NM	no H=3	white	clear, or varies, white, green, blue, tan, orange, reddish, etc.	no	yes	no	commonly broken into rhombs w/ 3 cleavages, angles not = 90 degrees

Data Form Workbook - Downloadable

[Link](#)

Name (alphabetical order) (links, <i>text</i> and <i>images</i>)	Mineral Unknown	Luster? (NM=non-metallic; M=metallic). Note 1.	Hardness - scratches glass, etc.	Streak color?	"Typical" bulk color?	Magnetic?	Reacts with HCl?	Conducts electricity?	Other Distinctive Properties (e.g., cleavage, fracture, crystal form, etc.)
galena		metallic			(not	no	no	YES	commonly broken into cubic forms
garnet		NM			rown,	no	no	no	commonly forms dodecahedral crystals; exhibits conchoidal fracture
graphite		metallic	1-1.5		black	no	no	YES	very soft; typically microcrystalline aggregates; can scratch w/ fingernail
gypsum		NM	no H=2	white	transparent, or varies, white, gray	no	no	no	very soft, can scratch w/ fingernail; commonly breaks into rhombohedral form

Fill in
Unknown
Sample #
here

Practice Quiz Online - [Link](#)

Practice_Luster

Self-test for recognizing luster

Table of Some Mineral Properties

Observable¹ Properties for Online Mineral Identification →

Luster	Color	Streak	Hardness
Metallic			
Non-metallic			

¹ where property is

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For Instructors - [Link](#)

Mineral Study Guide

Home

Data Form

Testing Minerals ▾

Unknown Samples

More ▾

Luster

Hardness

**Streak
Color**

**Other
Properties**

Observation

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Metallic

streak plate = 7



Magnetism

magnetic, or not



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Instructional Mineral Identification Practical Study Guide Online

- 16 Unknown Minerals - media-rich resources
- 24 Identified Minerals - online bank with web links
- Online practice “quiz”
- Downloadable documents (data form, activities, resources)
- Creative Commons licensed 4.0



Lab: Mineral Identification Online Instructions (under development)

Your lab this week is on minerals, the building blocks of rocks (which we will study in detail later). Minerals are also essential material components of our modern civilization. A knowledge of minerals broadens our understanding of the sources for many of our everyday items, like cellphones and highways. Some minerals are very abundant in earth's crust, while others are quite uncommon or even rare.

Your overall learning objectives include the following:

- learn the properties of minerals and how to recognize them in samples
- learn how to use mineral properties to identify them by name
- learn some uses for minerals

New Google Groups



Tour/Join-[Link](#)

- search: Google groups Mineral-ID
- join to read, post/share, get notifications

The screenshot shows the Google Groups interface for the 'Mineral-ID' group. The Google logo is at the top left, followed by a search bar labeled 'Search for messages'. Below the logo, the word 'Groups' is displayed. On the left sidebar, under 'My groups', 'Mineral-ID' is listed as a favorite. The main content area shows the group name 'Mineral-ID' with the status 'Shared publicly' and '6 of 6 topics (1 unread)'. A red 'NEW QUESTION' button is visible. The group's welcome message and purposes are listed below.

Mineral-ID Is for Public Use

- Is this website viable for your students? Improvements? Corrections? What's missing?
- Face-to-face supplementary?
- A template for online build-out?

Purposes:

- Created for discussion and i
- Focused on the website "[A Practical Online Study Guide](#)" by Scott Brande
- Post questions/answers/links/tricks-of-the-trade about issues and resources for mineral identification
- Suggest edits/additions/corrections to "[A Practical Online Study Guide](#)"

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Want Notification When New Content / Discussion is Posted to "[A Practical Online Study Guide](#)" ?

2018 EER Poster on 3D Rock Models for Teaching

Join 3D Rock Project:
www.bit.ly/2m13B2j

3D Rock Model Archive:
www.sketchfab.com/rockdoc

Online Learning with 3D Virtual Rocks? Pedagogy & Technology

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Engagement & Learning

You: "You can't learn exactly the same from a 3D model as from a rock in your hand because you can't pick up a 3D model."
Me: "Correct, but only about 5% right."
You: "How can that be?"
Me: "Pick up that rock on the table. Examine it. Then on your cellphone retrieve the model (instructions on handout on table). Follow activities."

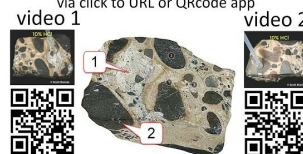


How *Do* Students Learn in Geology Lab?

Work in teams; communicate among members
Make, record, and analyze observations
Test rocks for relevant physical properties
Consult resources, evaluate alternatives, propose ideas
Make conclusions (identification of rock by name)

How to *Adapt* Activities for Online Use

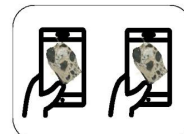
Extend observations and experiments to online by linking to online resources (high-res images, video snips, data, etc.).
Accessible by click on hyperlink markers on model that load via click to URL or QRcode app



Face-to-Face vs Online Lab Learning



- physical rocks
- limited set
- campus access only



- 3D virtual rocks
- unlimited set
- access anytime, anywhere

"Online Lab" Pedagogy

- **Guided instructions** for observations
- **Make model interactive** (not just for looking)
- **Hotspots** with clickable links to resources
- **Channels for interactive communication**
- **Questions** that **require** observations, interpretations, discussion and **responses**

What's my size? (click for ruler)
gravel, sand, or mud?
What am I –
A) matrix or B) grain?
sedimentary, igneous, or metamorphic rock?
What's my name?
reacts to HCl? (click to test via video)
A) rounded or B) angular?
A) fine- or B) coarse-grained?

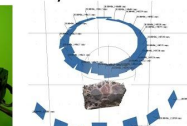
(Answer: <https://goo.gl/FJWeG7>)

Into The Tech Weeds

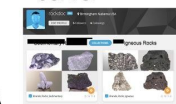
1. Photograph w/cellphone



2. Build 3D model w/Photoscan¹



3. Upload to Sketchfab server²



4. Sketchfab server to browser in student devices



Online archive²: www.sketchfab.com/rockdoc

Teaching Innovation Grant Awarded³

Create client-server system with

- user interface for interaction with 3D models
- serve diverse devices (laptops, cellphones) & operating systems (Windows, iOS, Android)
- text chat channel connects students in teams
- collect data analytics of student interactions

References

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3. <http://www.uab.edu/reporter/work-resources/learning-development/item/8043-10-grants-to-promote-innovative-teaching>

