Bowen's Reaction Series and Igneous Rock Classification Based on Texture/Cooling History and Color/Composition



Phaneritic

stals large enough be seen by ye unaided. This ranges from nall to very large crystals.





Aphanitic

No crystals can be seen. Looks fine grained and uniform



High Temperature

Low Temperature

Porphyritic with phenocrysts

Two crystal sized, one large enough to be seen, imbedded in a fine grained (aphanatic) groundmass



Quartz



No minerals; glassy appearance;

hard, smooth, slick, often with

conchoidal fracture

Porous, from tiny to quite large Rock usually feels light weight. Colors typically gray to red or black

SLOW

(Thousands

of Years or more)

PHANERITIC Olivine Calcic **Dark Colo** MAFIC **Dark Minerals** Plagioclase Gabbro Pyroxene Calcic-Sodic Intermediate Color NTERMEDIATE Amphibole Sodic Diorite Plagioclase Biotite Orthoclase Light Minerals -ight Color FELSIC Granite Muscovite

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