

Daily Routine

- ⊗ Sit in your appropriate seat quietly
- ⊗ Have all necessary materials out
- ⊗ All back packs on the floor
- ⊗ All cell phones on silent and away in backpacks
- ⊗ All iPods off and headphones out of your ears
- ⊗ No food or drink except for water

Bellwork

- ④ How does earthquake depth show the relationship of subduction?
- ④ Describe subduction in your own words.

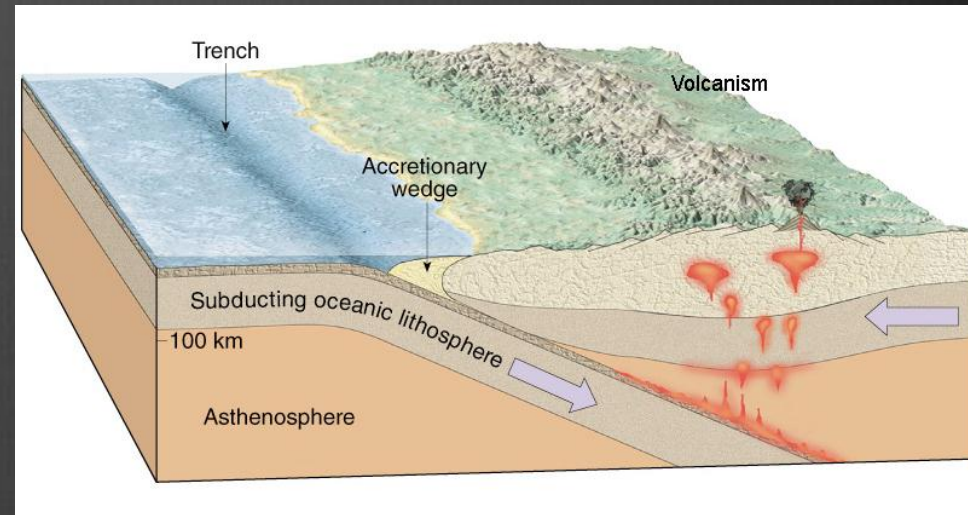
Plate Tectonics: Plate Boundaries

I will be able to...

- ⊗ Explain how the modern Theory of Plate Tectonics came about with Hess' and Wegener's lines of evidence
- ⊗ Elaborate about the similarities and differences of oceanic and continental crust
- ⊗ Describe the movement of each plate boundary
- ⊗ Diagram the three types of plate boundaries

What is subduction?

- ❶ Subduction is recycling of Earth's crust
- ❷ Known as slab pull
- ❸ One tectonic plate slide under and down underneath another tectonic plate
- ❹ Caused by density differences
- ❺ Denser plate sinks or subducts under the less dense plate



Earth's Crust

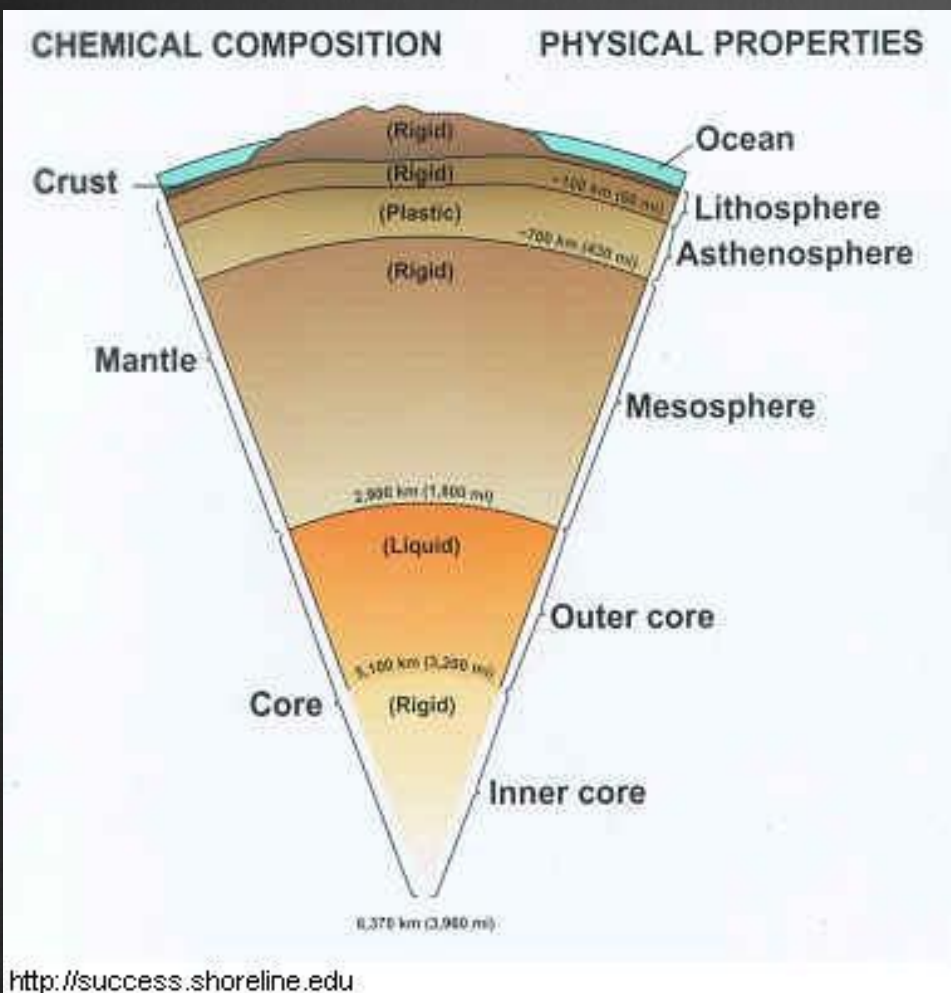
Oceanic

- Makes up the ocean floor
- Composed of pillow basalts (rock type)
- Thin – 5 km thick
- Density – 3.0 g/mL

Continental

- Makes up the land/continents on Earth
- Composed of mostly Granites
- Thick – 20-70 km thick
- Density – 2.7 g/mL

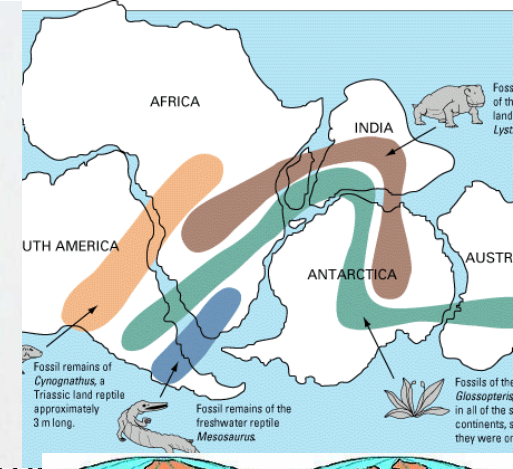
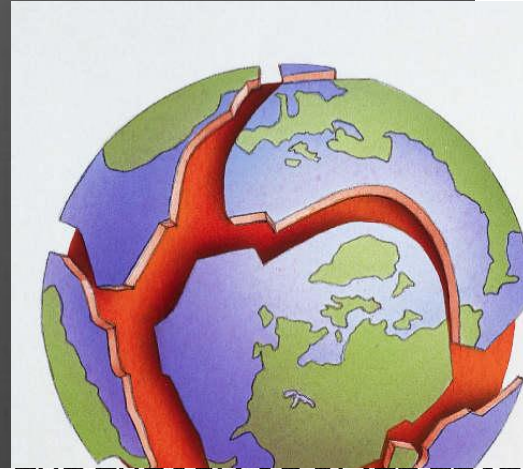
Important Layers for Plate Tectonics



- Two sub-layers that drive plate tectonics:
 - Lithosphere
 - Asthenosphere
- Lithosphere: Crust and rigid upper most part of the mantle = tectonic plate
- Asthenosphere: plastic layer within the upper mantle that contains the mechanisms to cause plate movement

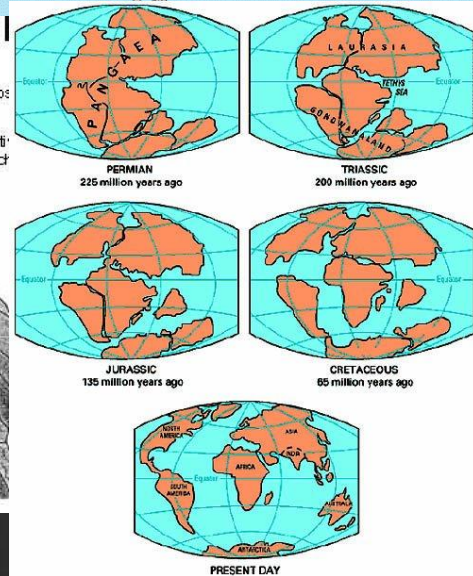
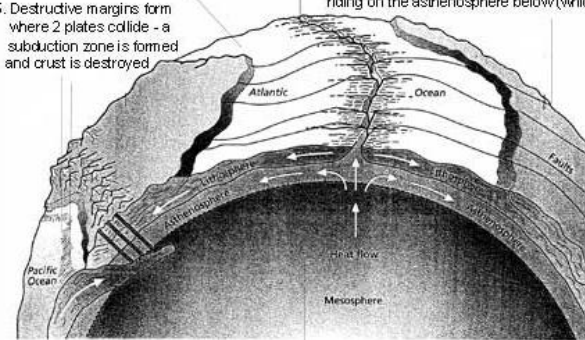
How did the Theory of Plate Tectonics come about?

- ❁ Merger of all evidence:
 - ❁ Wegener's continental drift hypothesis evidence
 - ❁ Hess' sonar scans, core sample ages, paleomagnetism to form sea floor spreading
 - ❁ Geographic evidence: mountain ranges, volcanoes, island arcs, trenches, MOR's
 - ❁ Earthquake data

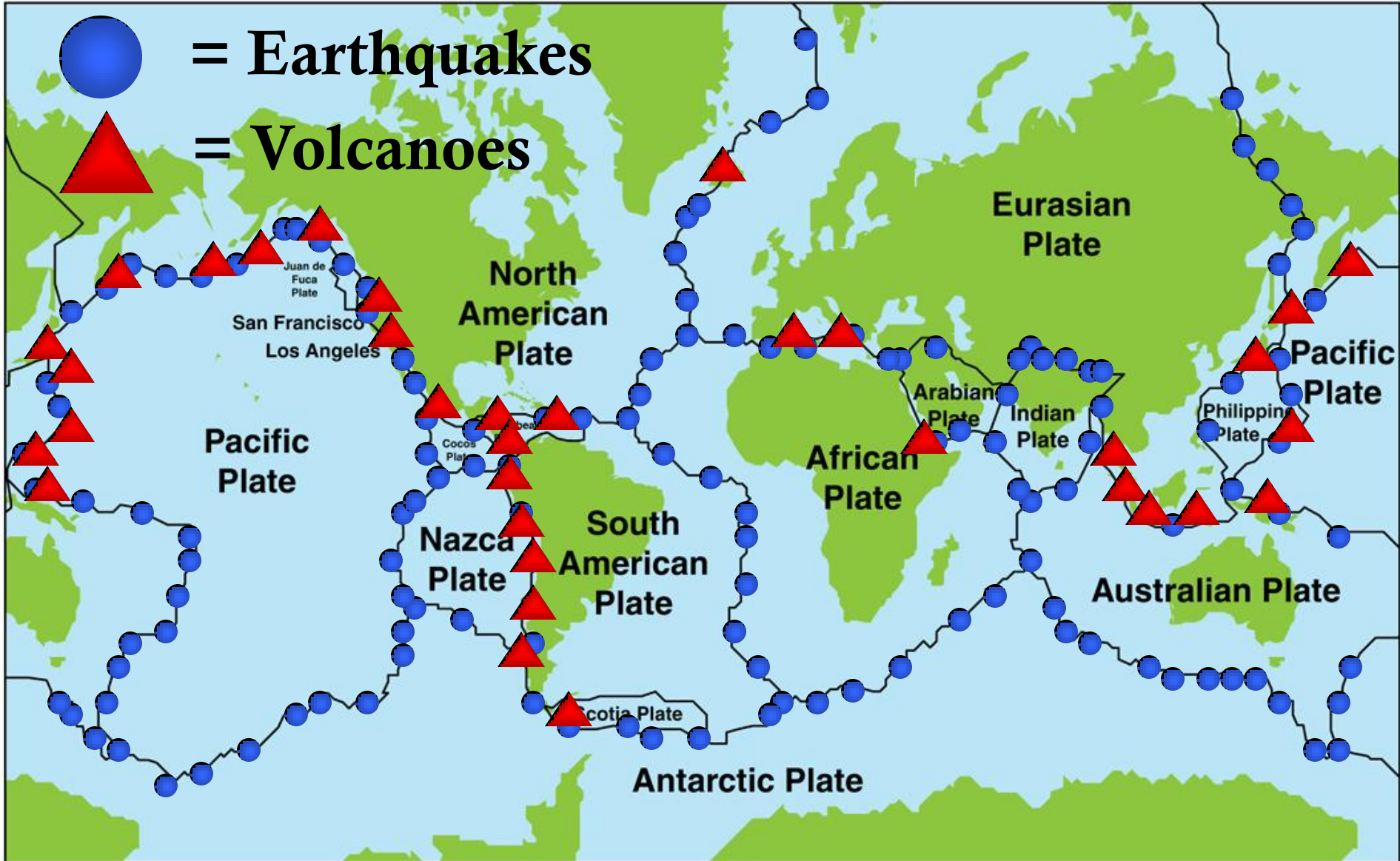


THE THEORY OF PLATE TECTONICS

1. The Lithosphere is broken into about a dozen plates
2. The plates move as a distinct unit riding on the asthenosphere below (which is hotter and more plastic)
3. Destructive margins form where 2 plates collide - a subduction zone is formed and crust is destroyed
4. Constructive Margins - where two plates separate and move in opposite directions - new lithosphere forms as magma rises.

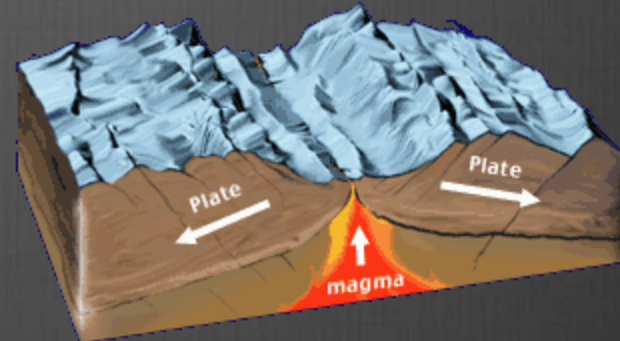
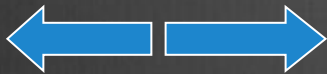


Scientists started plotting the location of earthquakes around the world
Next, Scientists began plotting the location of volcanoes around the world
As they did this, a pattern began to emerge that showed
cracks in the earth's crust, revealing plate boundaries locations
Once again, a pattern emerged

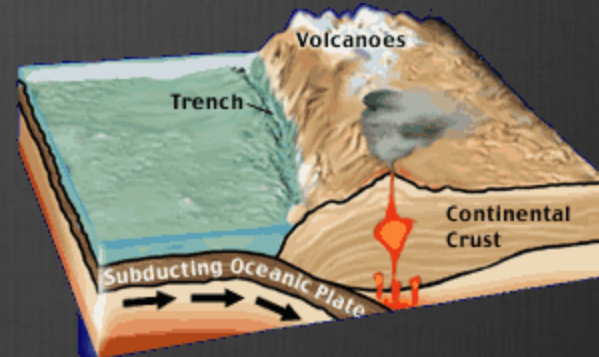


The 3 Plate Boundaries

- Divergent-plates are pulled apart



- Convergent-plates collide



- Transform-plates slide past each other

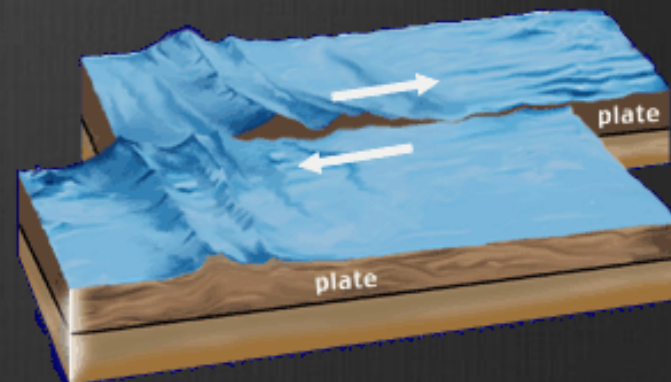
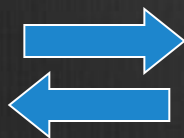


Plate Boundary Types

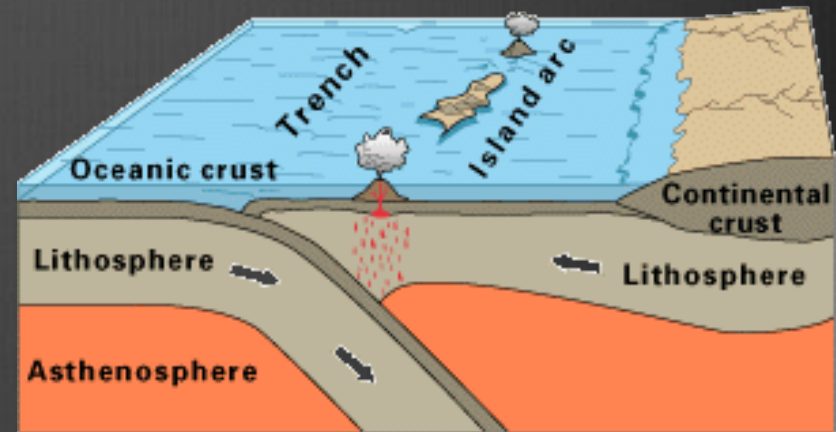
- ⊗ On the worksheet perform the following tasks:
- ⊗ Diagram the types of plate boundaries
- ⊗ Describe the motion of the plate boundaries
- ⊗ Describe the types of crust involved with the plate boundaries
- ⊗ Identify what features (geographic) form due to the different plate boundaries
- ⊗ Identify at least two real-life examples of the plate boundaries

Convergent Boundary



Oceanic – Oceanic Subduction

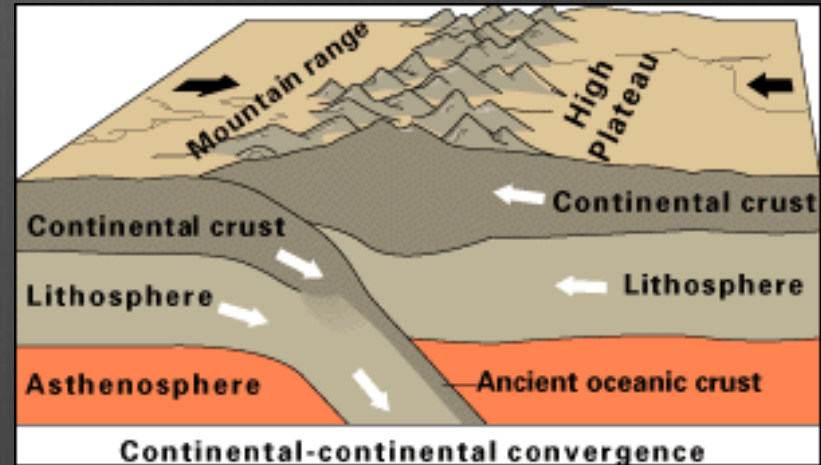
- Subduction of two oceanic plates
- Denser older oceanic plate subducts under younger less dense
- Lots of volcanism and earthquakes
- Island Arc and deepest trenches are formed



Examples: Aleutian Islands and Japan

Continental – Continental Collision

- When two continental plates/crust collide
- Both plates have similar densities
- Land buckles and pushes up
- Push up motion of land = uplift
- Lots of heat and pressure change the rocks



- Forms mountain ranges and many Earthquakes
- Example: Himalayas