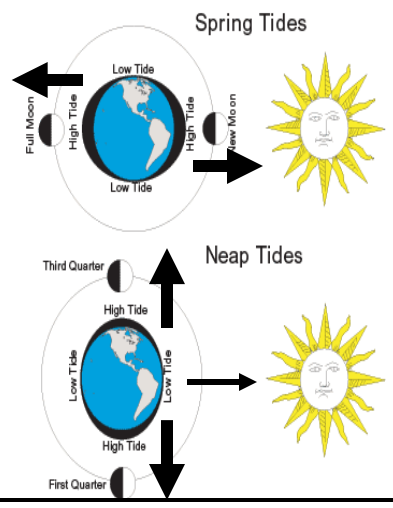


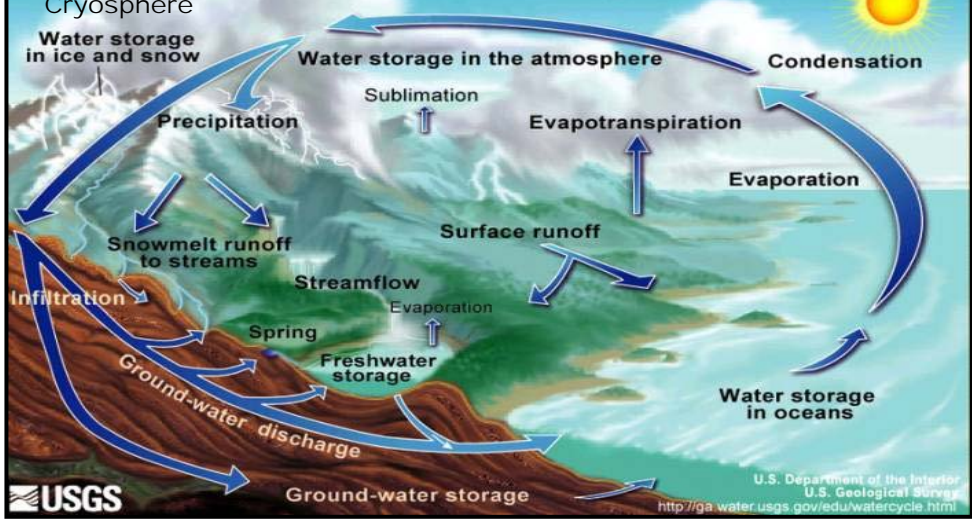


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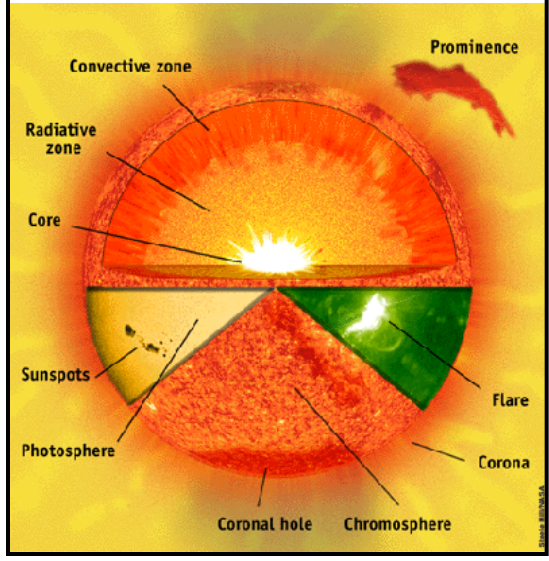
## Tides



## The Water Cycle



## Solar Properties



## Weather vs Climate

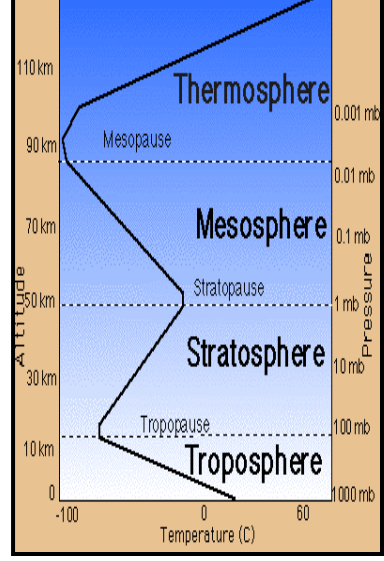
**Weather**  
(Short Term Conditions)

Ex. Today's high was 93°F  
On Jan 31, 2000, 50 cm of snow fell  
Tomorrow's humidity will be 30 %

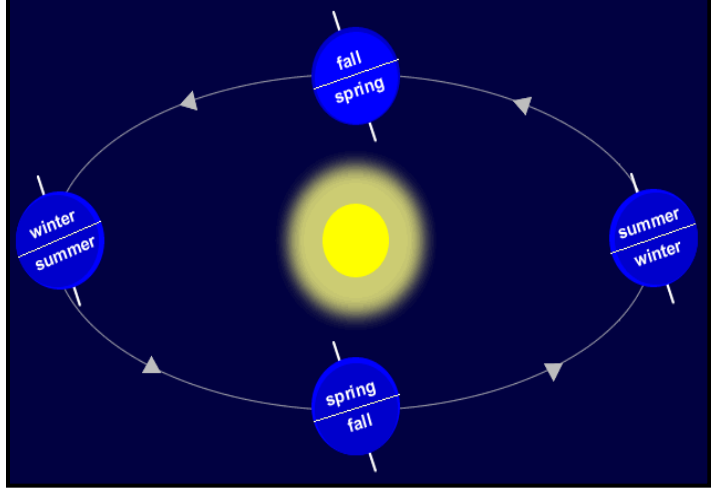
**Climate**  
(Average Conditions over Long Term)

Ex. The average temp for 2008 was 70°F  
From 1950 – 2000, April was the month with the highest rainfall

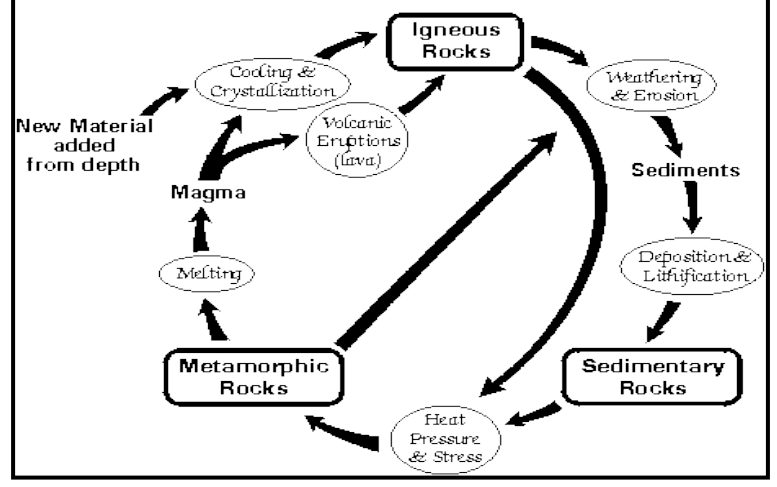
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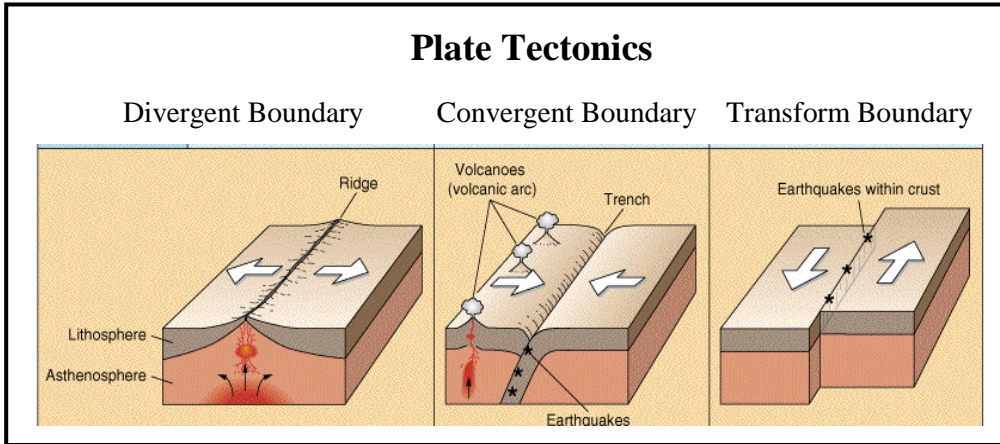
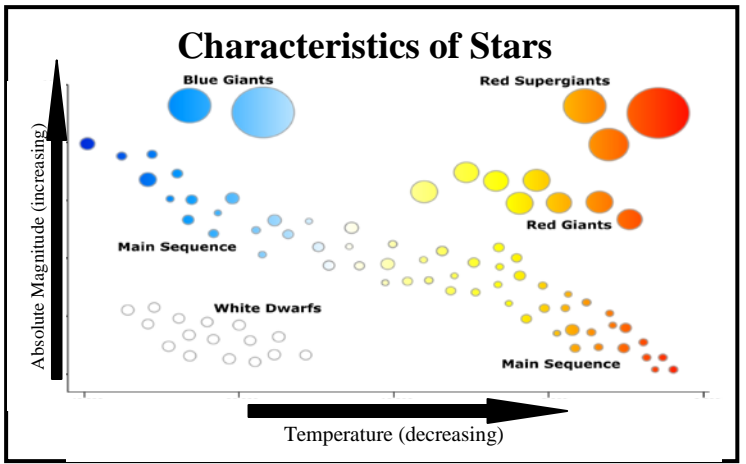
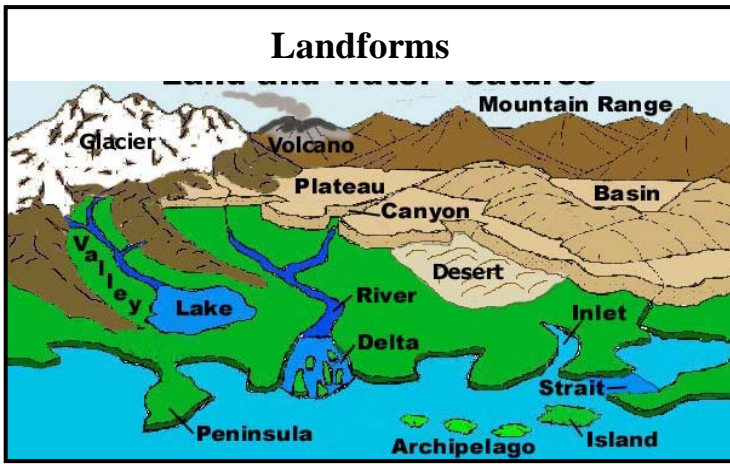


## Seasons



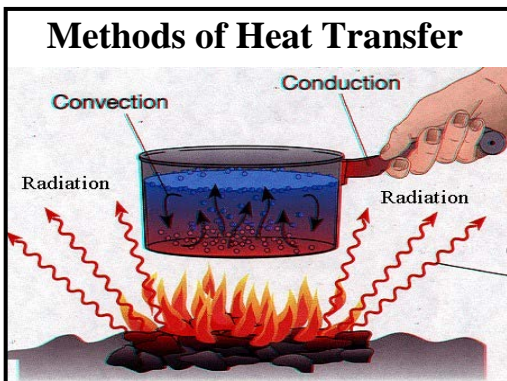
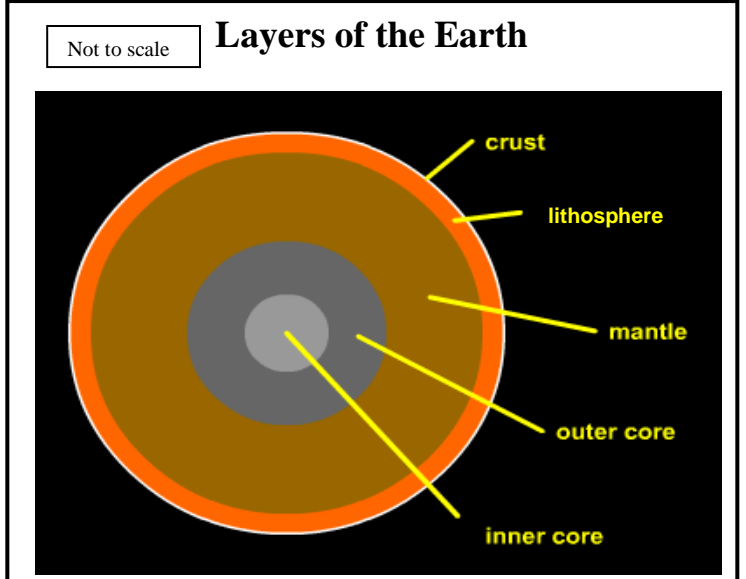
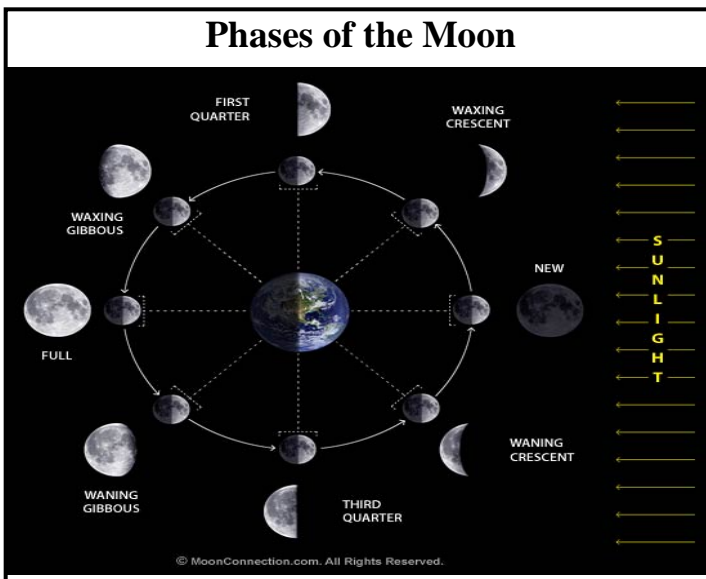
## The Rock Cycle





### Processes of Scientific Inquiry

- formulation of scientifically investigable questions
- construction of investigations into those questions
- the collection of appropriate data
- the evaluation of the meaning of those data
- the communication of this evaluation



### Scientific Models

A systematic description of an object or phenomenon that shares important characteristics with the object or phenomenon; can be material, visual, mathematical, or computational and are often used in making scientific theories

### Theory vs Law

**Theory:** A set of statements or principles devised to explain a group of facts or phenomena, especially one that has been repeatedly tested or is widely accepted and can be used to make predictions about natural phenomena.

**Law:** A statement that describes invariable relationships among phenomena under a specified set of conditions

