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UNIT 2 HANDOUT  
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*Mineral Characteristics Part 2*

- Purpose:** To classify the materials on your tray as minerals or non-minerals.
- Problem:** What are the four observable characteristics of minerals?
- Research:** Scientists have agreed that there are five characteristics all minerals have in common. If an object has all these characteristics, then it is considered a mineral.
- Hypothesis:** There will be no hypothesis for this lab as we are only observing; we are not testing!
- Procedure:**
1. Make a list of the materials on your tray as minerals or non-minerals.
  2. Complete the questions on the back of the worksheet.
- Data:** Record any data from the lab in the table below.

Minerals	Non-Minerals

Clean-up  
Procedure:

1. Ensure the materials are in the correct spot on the tray.

Analysis &  
Results:

In the space below answer the following questions.

1. What characteristics do your mineral choices have in common?

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2. Why did you put objects in the non-mineral category?

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