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## Classifying Rocks into Major Groups

Classifying rocks into the three major groups is not always easy—for some rocks it can be difficult for anyone but a geologist. However, many rocks, may be classified if you know the **important** characteristics of each major group, **IGNEOUS**, **SEDIMENTARY** and **METAMORPHIC**.

Think about the characteristics you researched and recorded for each major group of rocks in your **IGNEOUS-SEDIMENTARY-METAMORPHIC Rock** foldable.

Then examine the rocks at your observation station and use these characteristics to help you classify the rocks.

The **FOLDABLE** and **COMPLETED LAB HANDOUT** are due the beginning of our NEXT class meeting.

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