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Period: _____

Minerals: Notes #1

1. What are minerals?

2. List two minerals and their uses.

A. _____

B. _____

3. List the 5 criteria that must be met for a substance to be considered a mineral.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

4. Is liquid mercury considered a mineral? Explain why or why not.

5. Is coal considered a mineral? Explain why or why not.

6. What causes a mineral to display certain physical properties (ie. color, taste, etc.)?

7. If diamond and graphite are both composed of the element Carbon, how come they have such different physical properties?
