

Types of Lavas

- **Basaltic lavas:** low-viscosity mafic lavas, typically erupted at 1000° to 1200° C; cool to form basalt.
- **Rhyolitic lavas:** high-viscosity felsic lavas, typically erupted at 800° to 1200° C; cool to form rhyolite.
- **Andesitic lavas:** intermediate in composition and viscosity between mafic and felsic magmas; cool to form andesite.



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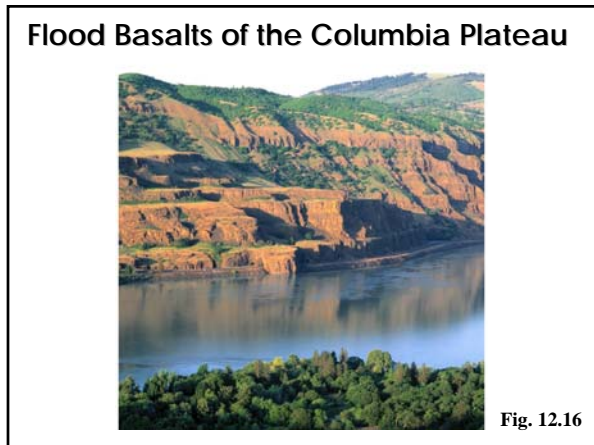


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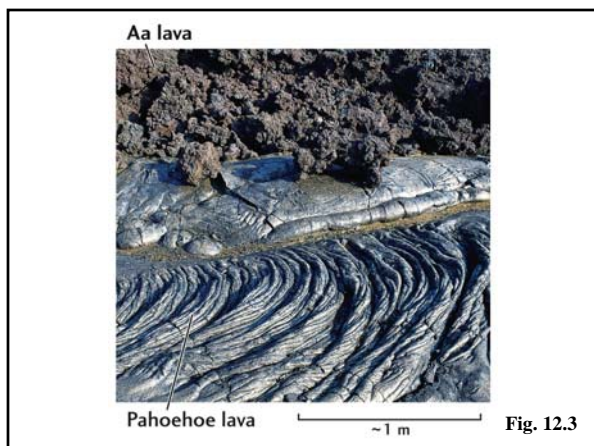
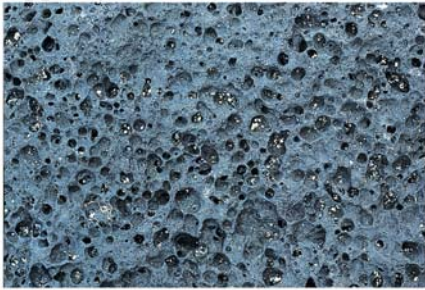


Fig. 12.3

Vesicular Basalt:
trapped gases form bubbles (vesicles)



~0.25 m

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Fig. 12.7



**Pyroclastic
Material:**

Fragmentary
volcanic rocks
ejected into the
air

Fig. 12.7

Volcanic Bomb

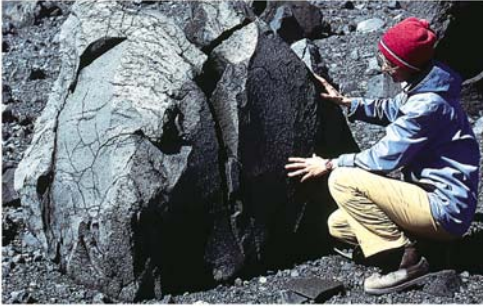


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Volcanic Breccia



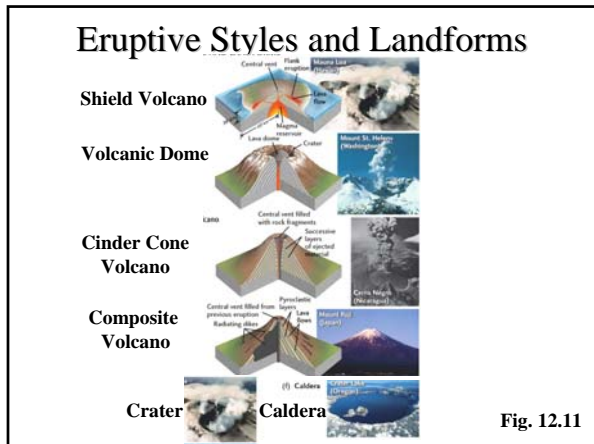
~0.3 m

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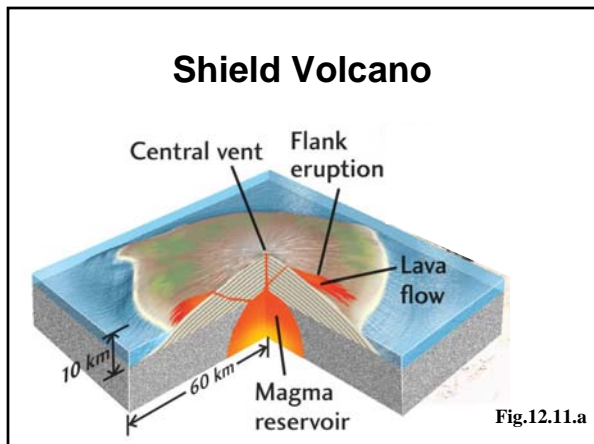
Welded Tuff Formed from Pyroclastic-Flow Deposit



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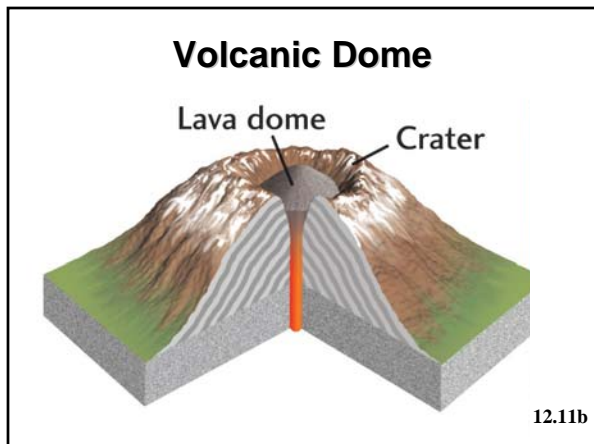




Shield Volcanoes

- Formed mainly of basaltic lavas
- Gentle sides: ~2-10 degrees
- Can be huge: up to 120 km wide!
- Long duration of activity: 10,000's yrs
- Eruptions usually non-violent





Volcanic Domes

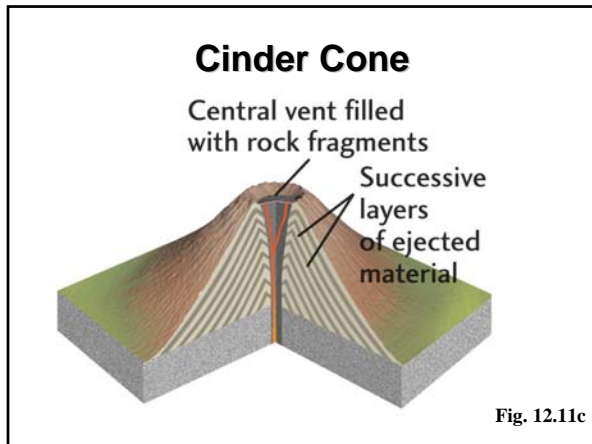
- Form of viscous felsic lavas
- Steep-sided and small: ~100's m wide
- Grow slowly





**Cerro Negro
Cinder Cone,
near
Managua,
Nicaragua
in 1968**

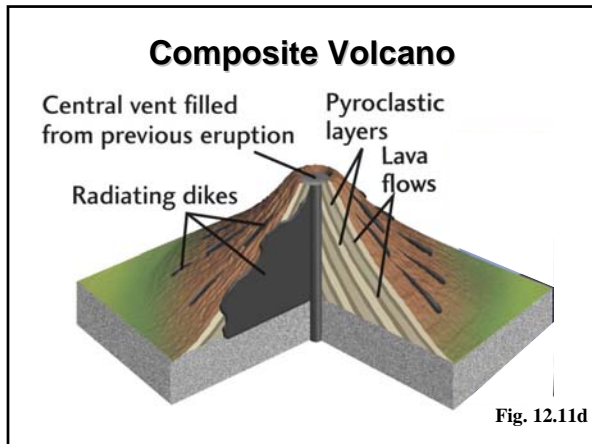
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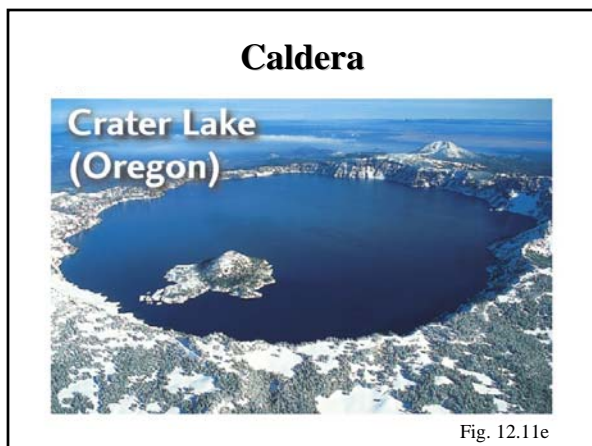
Cinder Cones

- Formed mainly of basaltic pyroclastic material
- Steep sides: ~30 degrees
- Relatively small: ~ 1 km wide
- Short-lived: typically a single event





- ### Composite Volcano
- Mainly alternating pyroclastic deposits and andesitic lava flows
 - Slopes are intermediate in steepness
 - Relatively large: ~10-15 km wide
 - Intermittent eruptions over long time span: 1,000's of yrs
 - Eruptions often highly explosive



Caldera

- A large depression (typically several km wide) formed by collapse of a volcano into a partially drained magma chamber
- May have younger domes within it

STAGE 1
Fresh magma fills a magma chamber and triggers a volcanic eruption of lava and columns of incandescent ash.

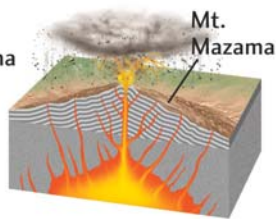


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STAGE 2
Eruption of lava and pyroclastic flows continue, and the magma chamber becomes partly depleted.

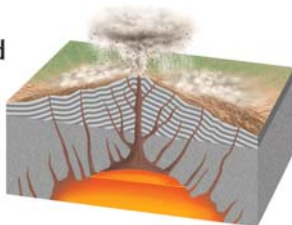


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STAGE 3

A caldera results when the mountain summit collapses into the empty chamber. Large pyroclastic flows accompany the collapse, blanketing the caldera and a surrounding area of hundreds of square kilometers.

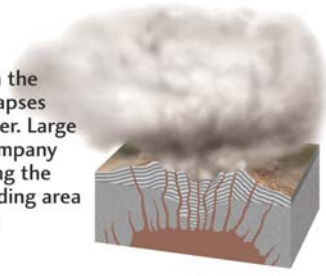


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STAGE 4

A lake forms in the caldera. As the residual magma in the chamber cools, minor eruptive activity continues in the form of hot springs and gas emissions. A small volcanic cone forms in the caldera.

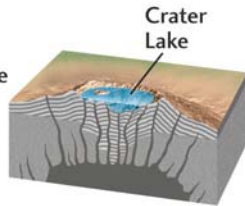


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Phreatic Explosion:
caused by magma mixing with water



Fig. 12.5

Formation of a Diatreme

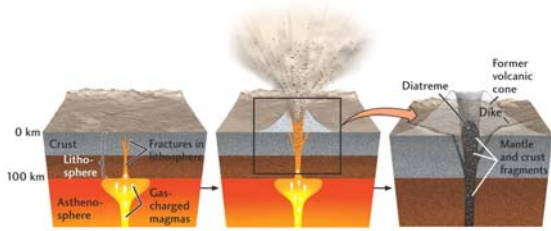


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Almost 5 carat yellow diamond found in Crater of Diamonds, AK last year

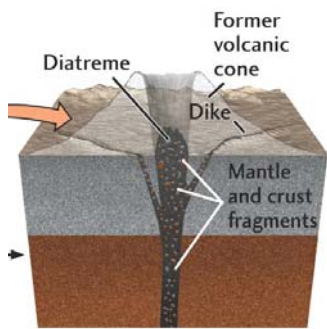


Fig. 12.13

SHIPROCK,
NEW MEXICO



Fig. 12.13

Fissure Eruptions

A volcanic eruption originating along an elongate fissure rather than a central vent.



Volcanoes along the Laki Fissure (Iceland) formed in 1783, resulting in the largest lava flow in recorded history

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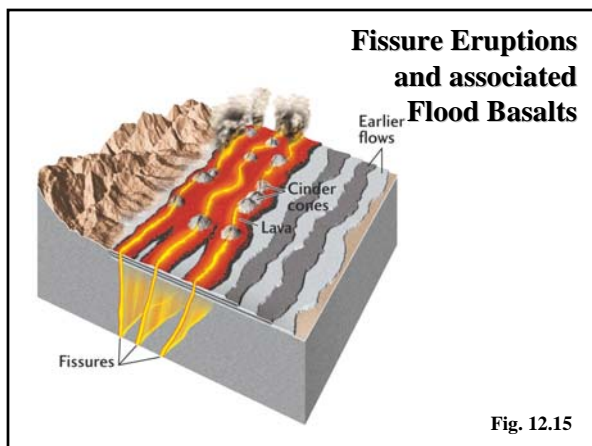
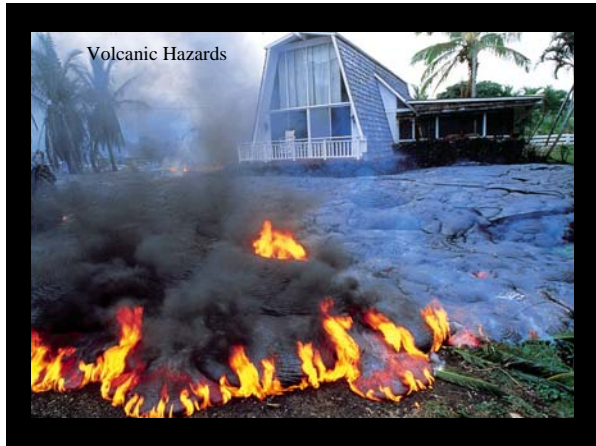
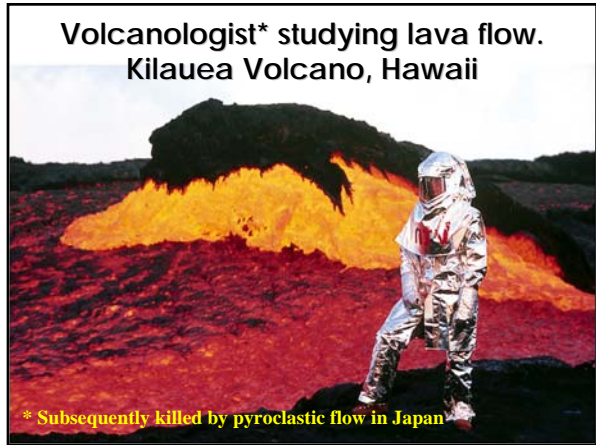
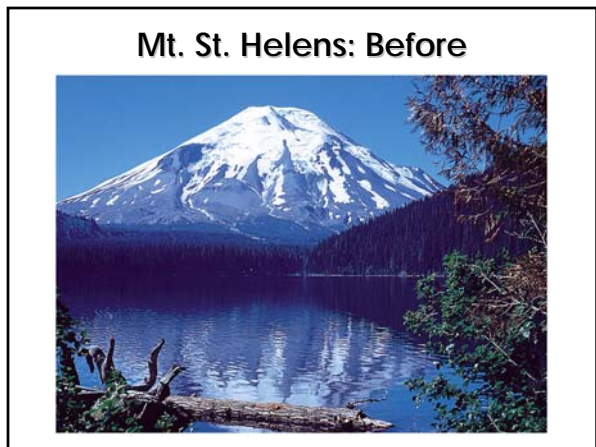


Fig. 12.15







Mt. St. Helens: During



Mt. St. Helens: After



**Active Subaerial Volcanoes of the World
(80% at convergent plate boundaries)**

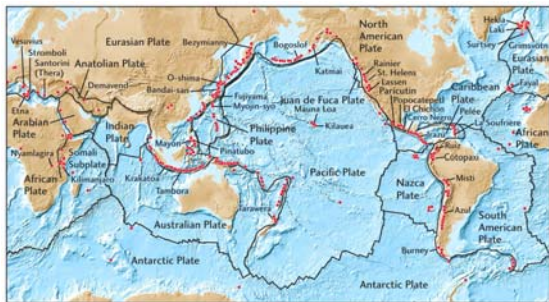


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Volcanism Associated with Plate Tectonics

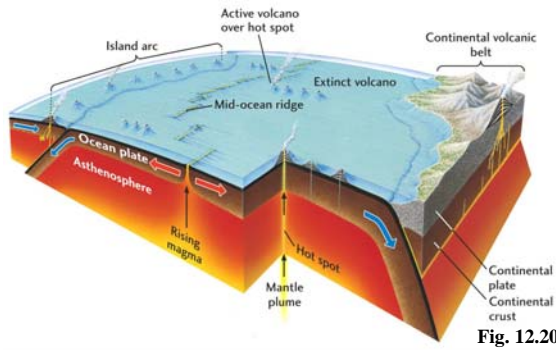


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Hot Spot Tracks

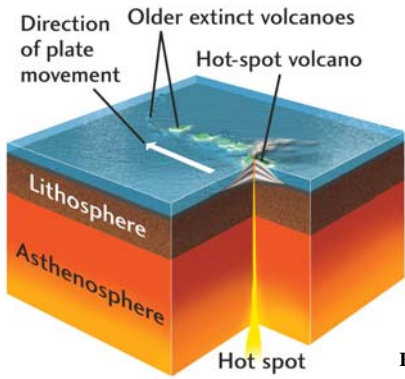


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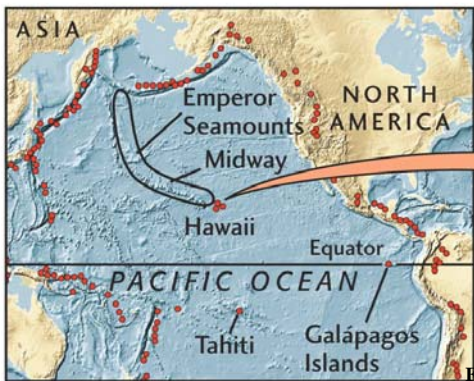
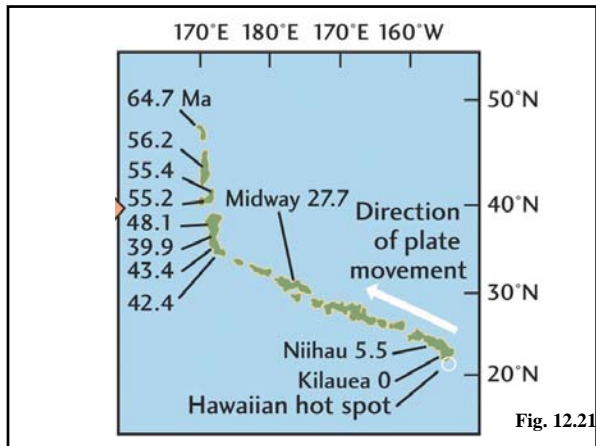
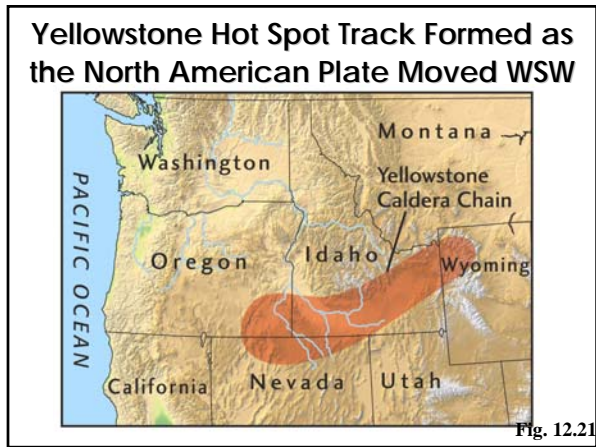
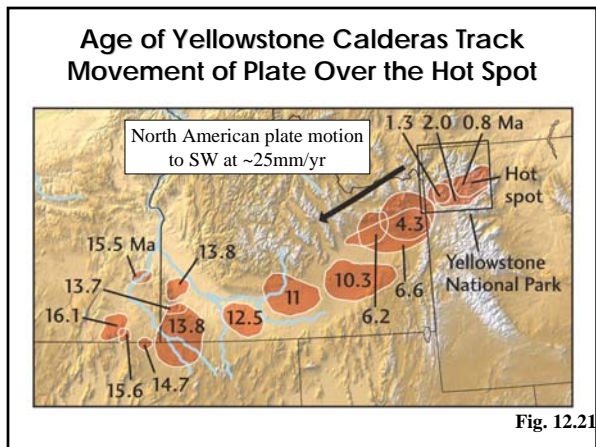


Fig. 12.21







Types of Volcanic Hazards

- **Lava Flows:**
 - e.g. Hawaii, 1998
- **Gas:**
 - e.g. Lake Nyos (Cameroon), 1984 -1700 people killed
- **Ash fall:**
 - e.g. Mt Pinatubo, 1991



© 2009 Brooks/Cole - Thomson Lava Flow, Hawaii




© 2009 Brooks/Cole - Thomson Tree-kill area from Carbon Dioxide



Types of Volcanic Hazards

- **Pyroclastic flows:**
– e.g. Mt Pelee, 1902 - 28,000 killed
- **Lahars (mudflows):**
– e.g. Nevado del Ruiz, 1985 - 23,000 killed
- **Tsunami:**
– e.g. Krakatoa, 1883 - 36,417 killed



Pyroclastic Flows:

A density flow consisting of a hot (up to 800° C), poisonous mixture of gas and pyroclastic material moving downslope at speed in excess of 200 km/hr!

Fig. 12.10

Lahars (Volcanic mudflows)

Formed by the sudden mixing of large volumes of pyroclastic material with water (e.g. heavy rain, draining of crater lake, melting of glacier).

They Move Fast

Lahars can move 100+ km/hr, and can cover large areas (1,000's of km²), and can kill large numbers of people (~25,000 in one event)

Cumulative Deaths Due to Volcanic Eruptions Over the Last 2,000 Years

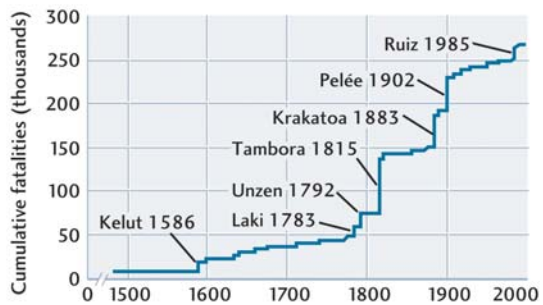
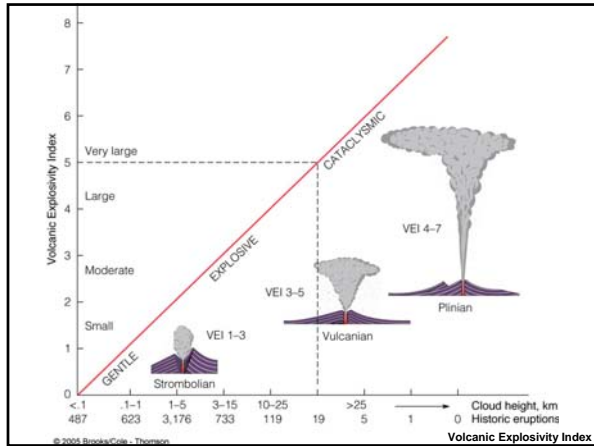
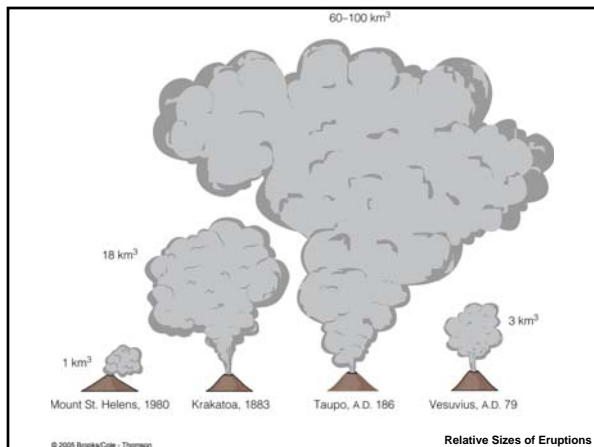


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Plinian ash cloud, Mt. Pinatubo



Relative Sizes of Eruptions

Location of Potentially Hazardous Volcanoes in Alaska

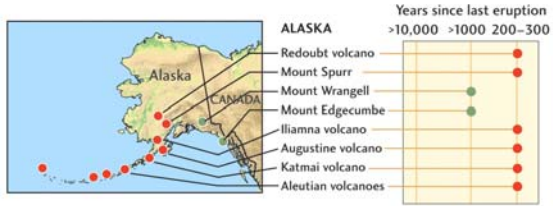


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Redoubt Volcano, Alaska 1989

Location of potentially hazardous volcanoes in Hawaii...

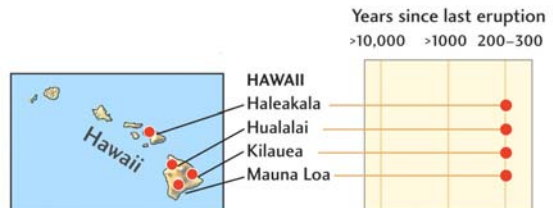


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