

## References and Further Reading

### Chapter 7: Rocks and Minerals

The early debate over the merits of Neptunism and Plutonism is chronicled in Anthony Hallam's book, *Great Geological Controversies* (Oxford University Press). We got our information about making bricks from touring a couple of brick plants (Belden Brick and Bowerston Shale in northeast Ohio). If you get a chance, take a tour. If you can't get to a brick plant, try a shorthand virtual tour at Glen-Gery Brick ([www.glengerybrick.com/about/manufacturing/](http://www.glengerybrick.com/about/manufacturing/)).

You can learn more about minerals and how they are used in everyday life by visiting the Minerals Information Institute site (<http://www.mii.org/index.html>). The USGS Mineral Information Program (<http://minerals.usgs.gov/minerals/>) lets you find out what mineral resources are produced in your state or worldwide. For more on fossil fuels resources, try the USGS Energy Resources Program at <http://energy.usgs.gov/energysources.html>. The Energy Information Administration site (<http://www.eia.doe.gov/>) has all sorts of information and statistics about fossil fuel resources.

Dr. Lynn Fichter of James Madison University has assembled a series of attractive web pages dealing with minerals and the three major rock types (<http://csmres.jmu.edu/geollab/Fichter/Fichter/websites.html>). Some of the information here is more than you need but there are lots of excellent images and it is a great place to look around if you are curious about the variety of rocks and minerals. The Geology of

the National Parks (<http://3dparks.wr.usgs.gov/>) contains virtual geology tours of nearly 50 parks that show numerous images of rocks in their natural state. Some of those images show up in the figures in this chapter.