Crustal Deformation

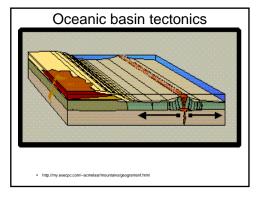


Plate Tectonic Settings and Magma

- The type of magma generated in different plate tectonic settings is different
- DIVERGENT PLATES and MANTLE PLUMES produce magma by partial melting of mantle material due to pressure release
- This magma is **BASALTIC** (mafic) in chemical composition, and the resulting volcanism has distinct characteristics.

Convergent plate boundary - http://my.execpc.com/-acmelas/myorgamenf.html

Plate Tectonic Settings and Magma

- Where plates CONVERGE, water is driven off the subducting plate, and added to the overlying lithosphere
- This water acts as a FLUX to reduce the melting temperature, and cause hot solid rock to melt without a change in temperature
- The lithosphere here is continental (granitic) in character, and the magma generated is GRANITIC (felsic) in chemical composition.

Tectonic environment of Magma

 Draw a diagram showing the relationship of tectonic plate interaction and the location of magma formation. Indicate the chemistry of the magma likely to form.

