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**Assignment #\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Webquest: Plate Tectonics**

**Directions:** Using the websites listed, headphones, and a pencil answer the questions below. You have two class periods to complete this entire Webquest. If you do not finish it will be homework over the weekend unless you are absent then you can come at lunch to complete.

**Part 1 Types of Plate Boundaries**

There are 3 types of plate boundaries and a fourth called a “plate boundary zone” in which the type of plate boundary is not clearly defined..

Go to the websites below and answer the following questions to learn about the three types of plate boundaries.

<http://pubs.usgs.gov/publications/text/understanding.html> & <http://www.wwnorton.com/college/geo/earth3/content/ch4/animations.asp>

1. What are the three types of plate boundaries?

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1. What directions do the plates move relative to one another in a divergent plate boundary?

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1. What is sea floor spreading (spreading center) and what is made there?

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1. Name one place where sea floor spreading ( spreading center) occurs.

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1. Describe what happens when two continental plates diverge.

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1. What are the three types of convergent plate boundaries?

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1. What two kinds of crust are involved in a subduction zone?

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1. What type of convergent boundary are the Himalaya Mountains formed by?

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1. What happens along a transform plate boundary?

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1. Name a famous transform fault in western North America.

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1. Which types of plates are sliding past each other along the San Andreas Fault?

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**Part 2 Plate Boundary Interactions**

Now go to the website: http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aso/tryit/tectonics/# and click on “Go directly to Plate Tectonics Activity”

1. Drag each of the arrows in the activity to see the plate interactions. List below from left to right each type of plate boundary shown in the activity.

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Now, go to http://emvc.geol.ucsb.edu/forteachers/SeafloorSpreading.htm and scroll down to the “Seafloor Spreading” picture and click on the picture. Wait a few seconds for it to load, and there should be a movie.

1. What is happening to the plates at the red line in the center of the screen?

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1. What is the red line?

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Now, go to http://emvc.geol.ucsb.edu/forteachers/convergence.htm and click on the picture labeled “Subduction”. Wait for it to load, and there should be another movie.

1. What two kinds of convergences are shown in the movie?

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**Part 3 Plate Tectonic Maps**

Now go to http://denali.gsfc.nasa.gov/research/lowman/Lowman\_map1\_lg.jpg and you

will see a plate tectonic map of the world. Rest the mouse on the bottom right corner of

the map and after a couple of seconds an enlargement icon should appear. Click on this

icon to see the map in full size. Now you can use the scroll bars on the side and bottom

to maneuver around the map.

16. Using the key at the bottom of the map, what is happening in Idaho, tectonically speaking?

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17. Scroll over to Asia and locate the Java Trench. This is where the Indian Plate and

Eurasian Plate interact. What kind of plate interaction occurs here, that was responsible for the December 26, 2004 tsunami?

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Now go to http://emvc.geol.ucsb.edu/forteachers/flashmovies/Pangea.swf Wait for the movie to download. This is a movie showing how the plates looked around 150 million years ago, when all the continents were together forming the “supercontinent” Pangea, and how the plates moved through time to their present configuration.

18. What continents did North America used to be attached to during Pangea time?

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**Part 4 Hot Spots**

Now, go to the website: http://pubs.usgs.gov/publications/text/hotspots.html to read and learn about hot spots. Next to this site to watch a 2 min. video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhSaE0omw9o>

1. What is a hotspot?

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1. How does a hot spot occur? What is formed as a result of a hot spot? Give an example.

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[Plate Tectonics Video](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ryrXAGY1dmE)