Minerals – relevance



- Nutrients extracted from minerals by chemical and organic (life-based) reactions are basis for much life
- Useful for numerous applications
- Can enhance or reduce pollution from mining/acid rain, etc...
- Can affect our health (e.g. asbestos)
- Aesthetic value (jewelry, sculpture, art)
- Building blocks of rock

Bacteria on feldspar mineral extracting nutrients for energy



Mineral collecting has lots of enthusiasts, as does mineral hunting















































