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Precious Pieces of Earth: The Significance of Minerals in Our Planet's Composition

Short Answer

1. Name three common silicate minerals found in Earth's crust and briefly describe their significance.
2. How do minerals contribute to the formation of mountains, and why are mountains important for our planet?
3. Explain why nutrient minerals like calcium and potassium are essential for plant growth.
4. Provide an example of a valuable resource obtained from mining minerals and describe its use.
5. What role do gemstones play in human culture and society beyond their aesthetic value?

