Physical Properties of Minerals

Name_____ Period_____

Luster is the physical property of minerals which describes the appearance of reflected light from mineral surfaces. Lusters fall into two basic categories, **Metallic** (opaque and metal-like) and **Non-metallic** 9 transparent in fine thin particles immersed in liquid). The surface appearance of **non-metallic** minerals is described as being **adamantine** (brilliantly reflecting), **earthy, waxy, resinous, pearly, silky, greasy** and **dull.**

Observations

mineral name	color	luster

Making connections: Describe how understanding streak, hardness and luster can help us identify a mineral sample.