Lab 02 - Nonsilicate Minerals - Key

- 1. Except for the native element class of minerals, all minerals are made up of 2 or more elements.
- 2. Silicon and Oxygen
- 3. Metals are cations: Si, Al, Fe, Ca, Na, K, Mg
- 4. Oxygen is an anion
- 5. Sufides = Metal + Sulfur; Sulfate = Metal + Sulfur + Oxygen
- 6. sulfides, halides, native elements
- 7. graphite and galena
- 8. graphite, a native element
- 9. minerals with a nonmetallic luster have a white or too light a colored streak
- 10. Native Copper, Chalcopyrite, Sphalerite (+/- the harder forms of hematite and limonite)
- 11. hard minerals have fracture
- 12. True, minerals that lack cleavage have strong chemical bonds
- 13. calcite has rhombic cleavage; halite has cubic cleavage
- 14. magnetite is black and pyrite is brass yellow

MINERAL (at least) TWO PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Graphite H=1, greasy feel

Galena bright silver color, gray streak (cubic cleavage)

Hematite brick red color, brick red streak

Limonite yellow-brown color, yellow-brown streak

Native Copper color and copper penny streak

Sphalerite dark brown color, tan streak (streak smells like sulfur)

Chalcopyrite buttery yellow color, black streak

Magnetite black color, black streak (attracks to magnet)

Pyrite brass-yellow color, black streak (cube crystals)

Sulfur bright yellow color, sulfur smell (soft)

Gypsum H=2, 1 good cleavage

Halite cubic cleavage, salty taste

Calcite H=3, rhombic cleavage

Fluorite H=4, 4 cleavages

Apatite H=5, fractured crystals (apple green)

Corundum H=9, 6-sided crystals