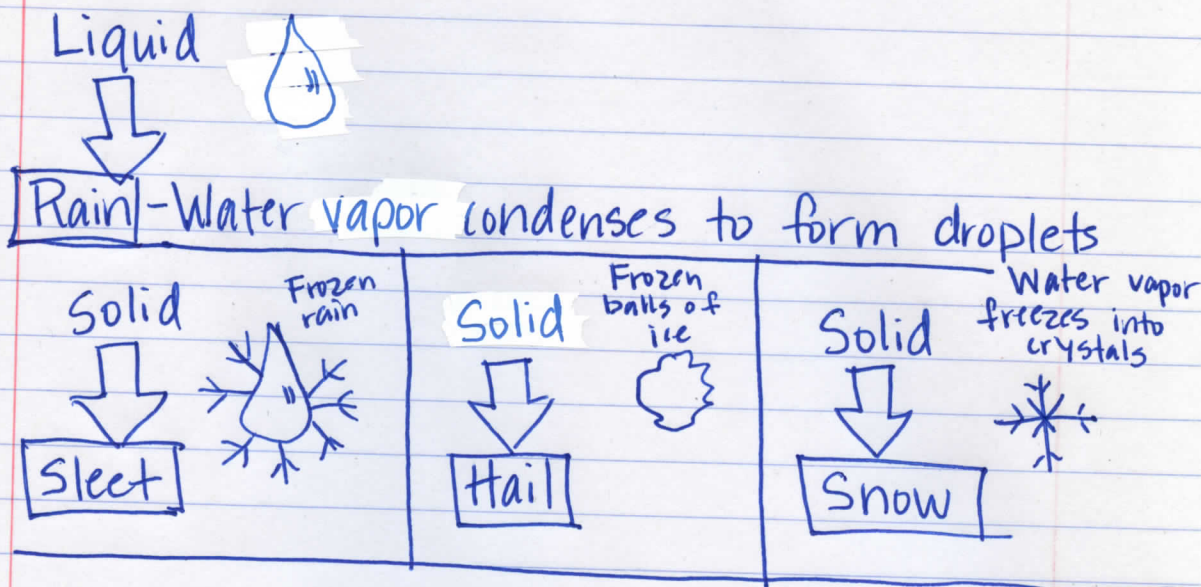


# Precipitation and the Water Cycle



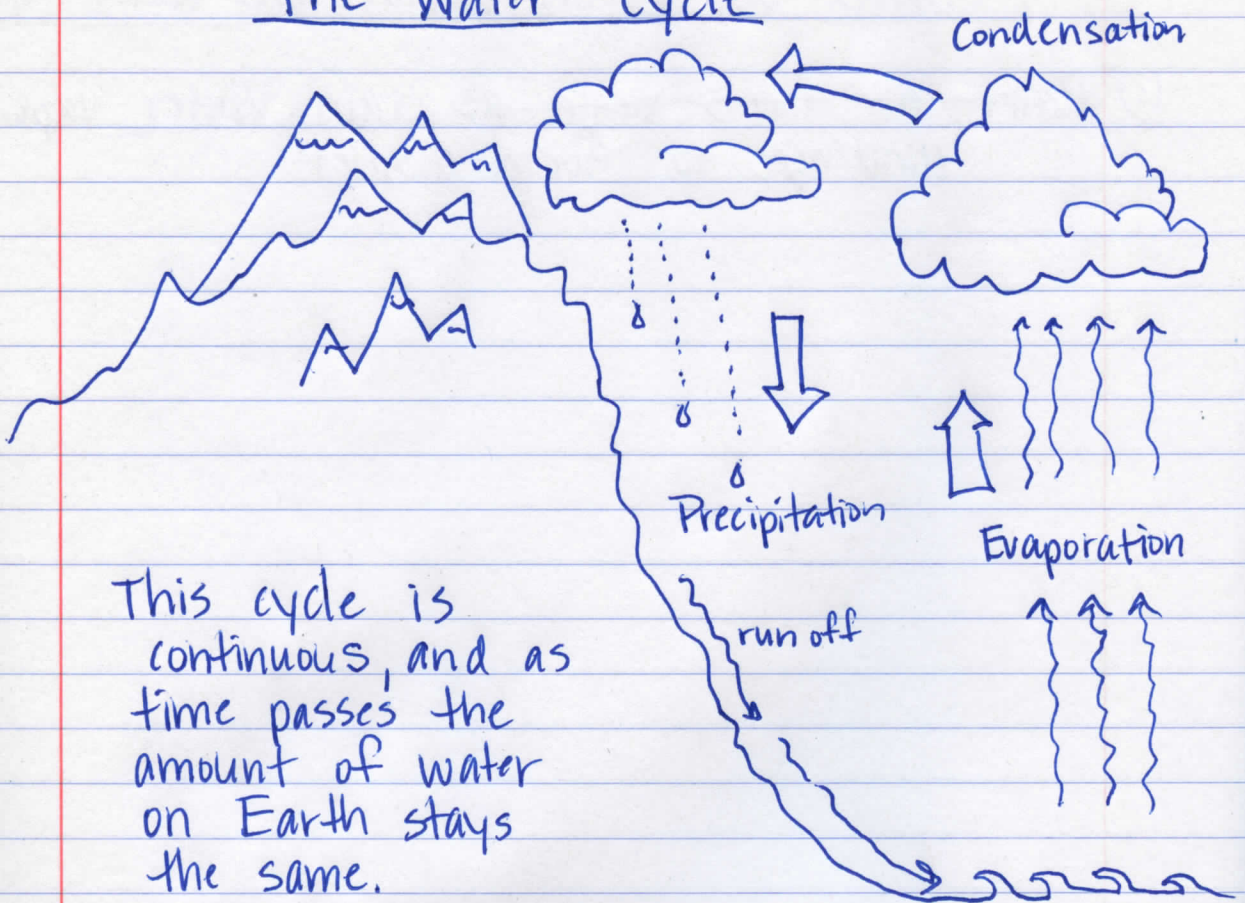
## Water Cycle

Water cycle - the continuous movement of water from a liquid state on the ground to a vapor state in the air and back again.

What is the water cycle?

- ① Water vapor evaporates from oceans, lakes, and rivers.
- ② It condenses into clouds.
- ③ A form of precipitation falls and runs back down to the ocean.
- ④ From the ocean, it evaporates again.

# The Water Cycle



This cycle is continuous, and as time passes the amount of water on Earth stays the same.

So how do droughts occur?

- low precipitation
- timing of water availability
- decreased access to water supplies