

Common Core Aligned Comprehension Assessment

Rocks and Minerals CCSS Assessment

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Directions:

Use what you know about **Rocks and Minerals** to answer each of the following questions.

1. Which of these is NOT a topic found in the book?

- ☐ (A) Rock Cycle
- ☐ (B) Igneous, Metamorphic, and Sedimentary Rocks
- ☐ (C) Cool Rock Facts
- ☐ (D) How to Skip a Rock

2. Which of these words best describes the main idea of this book?

- ☐ (A) Gemstones
- ☐ (B) Rocks
- ☐ (C) Fossils
- ☐ (D) Limestone

3. Which of these best describe the way in which a sedimentary rock is formed?

- ☐ (A) Hot magma erupts from a volcano and cools.
- ☐ (B) Tectonic plates crash into each other causing rocks to be heated and squeezed.
- ☐ (C) Small pieces of rock that have been blown into lakes and oceans form layers.
- ☐ (D) Humans take colorful gemstones and make them into jewelry.

4. Which part of the book is the best place to learn about words you don't know?

- ☐ (A) Glossary
- ☐ (B) Table of Contents
- ☐ (C) Stump Your Parents Quiz
- ☐ (D) Fossils Chapter

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One question for each Reading
Informational OR Reading Literature
standard (1-9)



5. What is the purpose of captions? (RI.2.5)

- ☐ (A) The captions tell us the definition of vocabulary words.
- ☐ (B) The captions tell us the name and page number of chapters.
- ☒ (C) The captions tell more about the photographs in the book.
- ☐ (D) The captions were included because the author had extra space to fill on the page.

6. Which of these sentences best describe the author's purpose for writing this book? (RI.2.6)

- ☒ (A) The author wants to teach us about rocks and minerals.
- ☐ (B) The author wants to entertain us with a story about rocks.
- ☐ (C) The author wants to convince us to go rock climbing.
- ☐ (D) The author wants to make us laugh with rock jokes.

7. Why did the author of the book choose to include a diagram of the rock cycle? (RI.2.7)

- ☐ (A) The diagram adds color to the book.
- ☐ (B) The diagram shows us real photographs of rocks.
- ☐ (C) The diagram gives us definitions of words we don't know.
- ☒ (D) The diagram helps us visualize the steps of the rock cycle.

8. The author tells us that rocks can be used in many ways. Which of these is NOT an example of the ways humans use rocks? (RI.2.8)

- ☐ (A) Humans make gemstone jewelry using rocks.
- ☒ (B) Humans use rocks for food.
- ☐ (C) Humans use rocks to construct sidewalks and buildings.
- ☐ (D) Humans use rocks to study fossils.

9. According to the text, what is one way that all rocks are the same? (RI.2.9)

- ☐ (A) All rocks are the same color.
- ☐ (B) All rocks are found in the same place.
- ☒ (C) All rocks are made of minerals.
- ☐ (D) All rocks are created the same way.

Answer Key

