

  
**Y****Gems: Treasures from the Earth**

Why do you think people have always been attracted to gems?  
Why are gems used in jewelry?

Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions

  
  
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What are the similarities between the formation of crystals and the formation of organic gems?  
What are the differences?

Compare and Contrast

  
  
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Why is it important to know how hard a gem is?  
Do you think the hardness of a gem affects its monetary value?  
Why or why not?

Analyze

  
  
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How do you think gem mining is dangerous to humans and to the Earth?

Evaluate

  
  
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*Jade is one of the most beautiful stones.*

Is this statement a fact or an opinion?

How do you know?

Fact or Opinion

  
  
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What is the author's purpose for writing this book?

Author's Purpose

  
  
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