

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

Reading a-z



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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

