

Name _____

Comparison and contrast, details, inference

How is a sculpture of a person made?

Words to Know

carve honor

Declaration of Independence

Where can you see faces that are about as tall as five-story buildings? Mount Rushmore! Mount Rushmore is in South Dakota. It is a large stone sculpture. It took 14 years to carve. The workers used drills and dynamite to make it.



Mount Rushmore honors four U.S. presidents.

The first face on the left is George Washington. He was the first president. The next one is Thomas Jefferson. He was the third president. He wrote the Declaration of Independence. Teddy Roosevelt's sculpture is third. He was the 26th president. He helped end a war. The last sculpture is Abraham Lincoln. He was the 16th president. He helped end slavery. Mount Rushmore honors great men in a great big way!

1. **Underline** the words in the passage that tell how big Mount Rushmore is.
2. Why do you think the four faces were carved into Mount Rushmore?
3. **Read** the titles below. **Circle** the letter beside the best title for the passage.
 - a. South Dakota
 - b. Men of Stone
 - c. Fourteen Years
 - d. George Washington
4. **Read** the words below. **Circle** the letter for the words that best complete the sentence. The author wrote this passage to
 - a. teach you about presidents.
 - b. make you laugh.
 - c. teach you about Mount Rushmore.

Make a poster for Mount Rushmore on the back of this sheet. Write on your poster three reasons why people should visit Mount Rushmore.



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