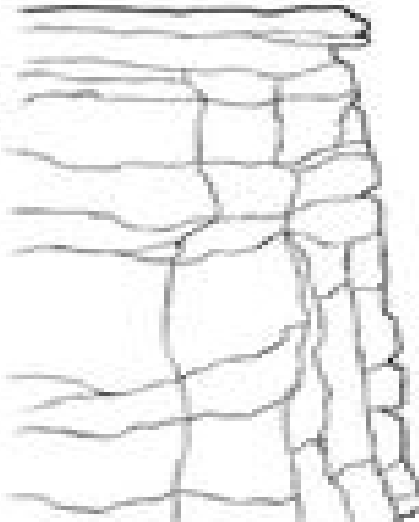


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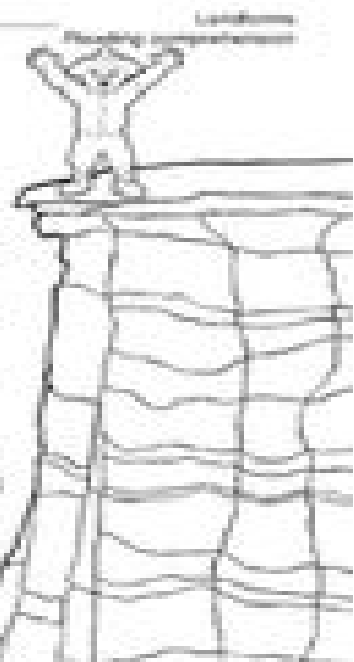
## Creating a Canyon

Read the passage.



The Grand Canyon is in Arizona. It is 277 miles long, up to 18 miles wide, and more than one mile deep. Cars cannot drive to the bottom of the canyon. The only way down is to walk or ride a mule. The temperature at the bottom of the canyon can be 35 degrees hotter than at the top.

Erosion began forming the Grand Canyon millions of years ago. The Colorado River carried rocks and soil that wore away the land and created the canyon. Many layers of rock line the canyon walls. The layers are different colors. At sunset, the rock layers seem to glow.



1. Circle the word that means "creating or making."
2. Underline the sentence that tells how large the Grand Canyon is.
3. Complete each sentence.

\_\_\_\_\_ layers of rock line the canyon walls.

A car \_\_\_\_\_ drive to the bottom of the canyon.

The canyon began forming \_\_\_\_\_ of years ago.

4. Draw a box around the name of the river that created the Grand Canyon.
5. Explain what the word erosion means in the passage. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Write a different title for the passage. \_\_\_\_\_

**Bonus Box:** Draw lines across the canyon walls to divide them into at least four layers. Color each layer a different color.