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In what state is Mt. Rushmore? *

North Dakota

Wyoming

South Dakota

Utah

What was President Coolidge's first name? *

Calvin

Christopher

Carter

None of the above

How many faces are carved into Mt. Rushmore? *

Two

Four

Six

Eight



READING PASSAGE

15 QUESTIONS

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TRUE OR FALSE

Each head is approximately 60 feet tall. **8** Rushmore's first name was Robert.

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C. Carter
D. None of the above

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4 What year did Congress authorize the monument?

A. 1902
B. 1942
C. 1925
D. 1818

5 What kind of rock is the mountain made of?

A. Sartorius
B. Talc
C. Sandstone
D. Granite

6 What year was Washington's face completed?

A. 1934
B. 1954
C. 1925
D. 1930

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THINK TANK

INCLUDED

- ✓ READING PASSAGE
- ✓ TEACHER DIRECTIONS
 - ✓ ANSWER KEY
 - ✓ 15 QUESTIONS
 - ✓ SELF-GRADING
- ✓ PRINTABLE VERSION
- ✓ DIGITAL VERSION



QUESTION TYPES

-  **MULTIPLE CHOICE (6)**
-  **TRUE OR FALSE (9)**
-  **EDITABLE QUESTIONS
(FOR DIGITAL VERSION)**

True

False



STUDENTS NEED

✓ ACCESS TO GOOGLE CLASSROOM™
(IF USING THE DIGITAL FORMAT)

✓ GOOGLE™ ACCOUNTS

✓ KNOW HOW TO ZOOM IN AND ZOOM OUT TO
ENLARGE OR SHRINK THE SCREEN

True

False



BENEFITS

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-  IMMEDIATE STUDENT FEEDBACK
-  PAPERLESS
-  NO PREP
-  SAVES YOU TIME
-  COMPREHENSION PRACTICE



OPTIONS



FRONT-LOADING



GROUP STATIONS



SUB PLANS



UNIT REVIEW



ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY



DIGITAL



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