



# Teacher's Guide



# Volcanoes

## Dear Educator,

Investigate sleeping giants from the inside out and see what happens when they erupt! While reading **KIDS DISCOVER** *Volcanoes*, your young volcanologists will learn about the fascinating topics at right.

This Teacher's Guide is filled with activity ideas and blackline masters to help your students enjoy and learn more from *Volcanoes*. Select or adapt the activities that suit your students' needs best.

Thank you for making **KIDS DISCOVER** a part of your classroom.

Sincerely,

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# PREREADING ACTIVITIES



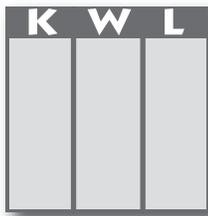
**B**efore distributing **KIDS DISCOVER *Volcanoes***, activate students' prior knowledge and set a purpose for reading with these activities.

## Discussion

To get students thinking about how this topic relates to their interests and lives, ask:

- ✓ *Have you ever seen a volcano? What was it like?*
- ✓ *Would you like to visit a volcano? Why or why not?*

## KWL Chart



On chart paper, draw three columns and label them **K** ("What we Know"), **W** ("What we Want to know" or "What we think we Will learn"), and **L** ("What we Learned"). Ask: *What do you already know about volcanoes?*

List students' responses in the **K** column. In the **W** column, list students' questions and comments about what they want to learn or what they think they will learn by reading *Volcanoes*. (See box below for key terms students may bring up.) At the end of the unit, have students fill in the **L** column listing what they learned. Finally, ask students to correct any inaccurate information written in the **K** column.

### KEY TERMS

- |           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| ✓ active  | ✓ rift zone |
| ✓ dormant | ✓ strata    |
| ✓ extinct | ✓ hotspot   |
| ✓ lava    | ✓ basalt    |
| ✓ ash     | ✓ igneous   |
| ✓ mantle  | ✓ magma     |

## Get Set to Read (Anticipation Guide)



Copy and distribute the **Get Set to Read** blackline master (page 3 of this Teacher's Guide). Explain to students that this **Anticipation Guide** will help them find out what they know and what misconceptions they have about the topic. **Get Set to Read** is a list of statements—some true, some false. Ask students to write whether they think each statement is true or false in the **Before Reading** column. Be sure to tell students that it is not a test and they will not be graded on their answers. The activity can be completed in a variety of ways for differentiated instruction:

- ◆ **Have students** work on their own or in small groups to complete the entire page.
- ◆ **Assign pairs** of students to focus on two statements and to become "experts" on these topics.
- ◆ **Ask students** to complete the **Before Reading** column on their own, and then tabulate the class's answers on the chalkboard, on an overhead transparency, or on your classroom computer.
- ◆ **Review the statements** orally with the entire class.

If you predict that students will need assistance finding the answers, complete the **Page Number** column before copying **Get Set to Read**.

## Preview

Distribute *Volcanoes* and model how to preview it. Examine **titles, headings, words in boldface type, pictures, charts, and captions**. Then have students add new information to the **KWL** chart. If students will only be reading a few pages at one sitting, preview only the selected pages.

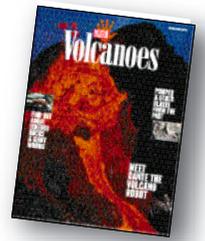
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_____	3. Volcanoes exist because of the movement of the Earth's plates.	_____	_____
_____	4. The ring of fire on which most active volcanoes lie circles the Atlantic Ocean.	_____	_____
_____	5. An eruption of Mt. Vesuvius destroyed the Roman city of Milan in A.D. 79.	_____	_____
_____	6. Magma can heat underground water that can be used to produce heat.	_____	_____
_____	7. The Yellowstone National Park has more active geysers than any other place on the earth.	_____	_____
_____	8. Scientists who study volcanoes are called geologists.	_____	_____



Use the following questions as oral discussion starters or for journaling. For additional in-class discussion and writing questions, adapt the questions on the reading comprehension blackline masters on pages 5 and 6.

### Pages 2–3

- ✓ Why do you think the author compared volcanoes to sleeping giants? How are they similar? What else can you compare a volcano to? An active volcano? A dormant volcano? An extinct volcano?

### Pages 4–5

Ask students to look at the picture of Mount Fuji and, if possible, bring in other photographs of this volcano. Ask:

- ✓ Why do you think Mount Fuji has inspired Japanese artists for centuries?
- ✓ Are there any other places in the world that you think similarly inspire artists? What are they?

### Pages 6–7

The eruptions of subduction-zone volcanoes, like Mount St. Helens, and volcanoes over hotspots, like Kilauea, are different. Ask:

- ✓ What are some words you could use to describe each type of eruption?
- ✓ What are some similes you could use to describe each eruption?

### Pages 8–9

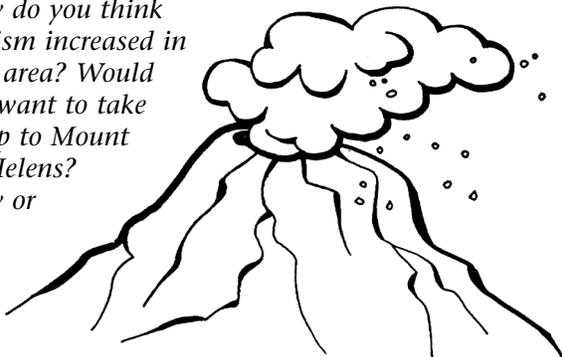
Mount St. Helens in Washington State was called Fire Mountain by Native Americans many years ago. Ask:

- ✓ Why is that name a suitable one? What are some other names that might also be appropriate to describe Mount St. Helens?

### Pages 8–9

After the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens, tourism in the area increased greatly. Ask:

- ✓ Why do you think tourism increased in that area? Would you want to take a trip to Mount St. Helens? Why or why not?



### Pages 10–11

Hawaiian legends and folklore include stories about Pele, the goddess of volcanoes. When she is angry, she unleashes waves of lava from the underworld. Ask:

- ✓ What fanciful explanation can you think of to explain volcanoes and volcanic eruptions? From what culture or country do you picture this legend to be from?

### Pages 12–13

Volcanoes give us many things, just a few of which are mentioned on pages 12–13. Ask:

- ✓ What do you think is the greatest benefit of volcanoes? What do you think is the greatest risk?
- ✓ Do you think the benefits of volcanoes outweigh their risks?

### Pages 14–15

- ✓ How do you think Old Faithful, the geyser in Yellowstone National Park, got its name? What other names can you suggest for it?
- ✓ What other names can you suggest for the other places mentioned on pages 14–15?

### Pages 16–17

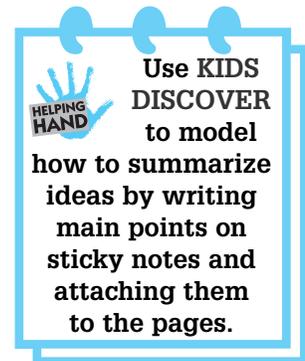
Some people live near volcanoes. Ask:

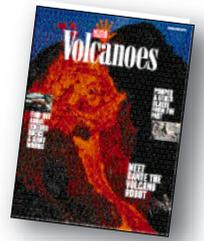
- ✓ Why do you think people living near active volcanoes don't move? Would you want to live near a volcano? Explain.

### Pages 16–17

Volcanologists study the day-to-day life of volcanoes. This work can be extremely dangerous, as well as physically and mentally challenging. Ask:

- ✓ What qualities do you think would be important to have in this line of work? Would you like to have this kind of job? Why?





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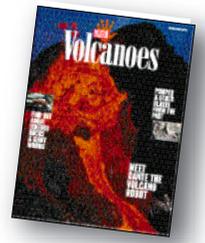
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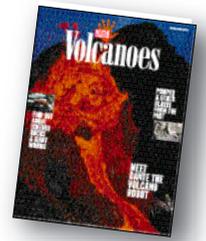
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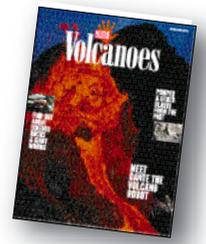
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*The crater is a depression around the mouth of the volcano.*

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*The lava differs in size. Lava in bombs is more liquid.*

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*The color red is used to indicate the high temperatures of the magma and lava.*

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*Molten means "melted."*