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STORYTIME GUIDE



ABOUT THE BOOK

Follow a stone's journey through time as it faces ice, water, wind, and scorching heat in this beautiful nonfiction picture book that is *Seeds Move!* meets *A Stone Sat Still*.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How does the stone transform over the course of the book? What events cause it to transform?
- The stone isn't still. It moves from place to place. What events cause it to move?
- Are people also changed by the events they experience? What is an experience you've had that changed you?
- This book's title is a metaphor: A stone is a story. In what ways is a stone similar to a story? Can you "read" a stone?
- What do you notice about the animals and plants in the art? How do they change as the stone's story unfolds?
- If you could go back in time to any point in the stone's story, what time would you travel to?

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

My Stone's Story

Have students find a rock. Invite them to imagine everything it might have been through and how it got to look this way. Allow students to write and illustrate the story of their stone.

Erosion Walk

Erosion plays an important role in shaping Earth's rocks and landscapes. Guide students on a walk through your neighborhood. As you walk, look for signs of erosion. Are there places where water, wind, or other forces have carried rock or soil away?

Poetic Science

This book is a poem about a science topic. Invite students to research a science topic they are interested in and write a poem about it.