

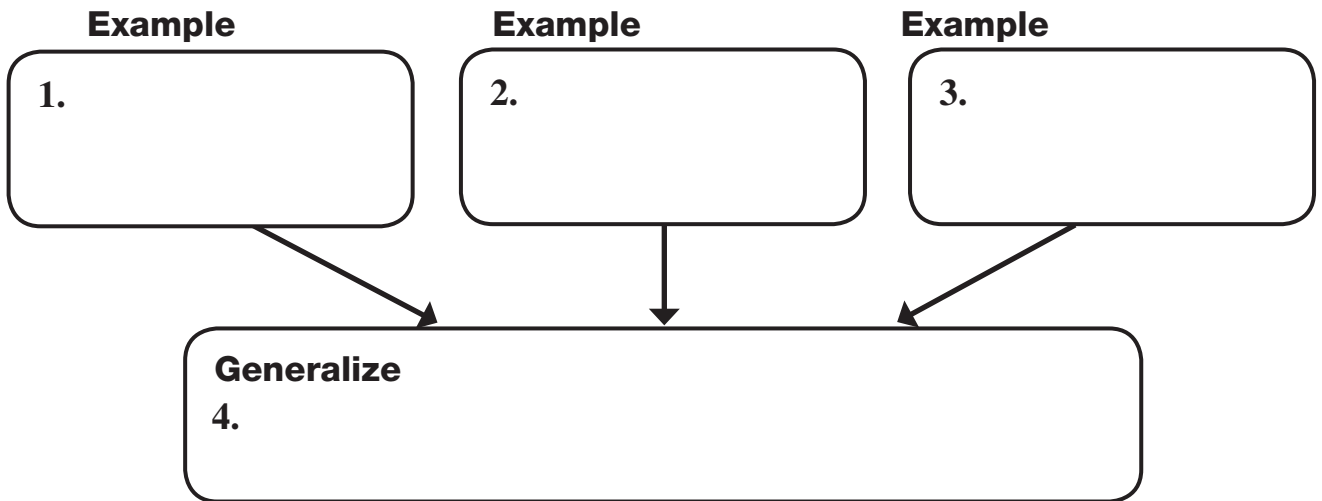
Name _____

Generalize • Prior Knowledge

- When you read, you can sometimes make a **general statement** about what you have read that tells how some things are mostly alike or all alike.
- Look for examples. Ask what they have in common.
- Use **what you already know** about a topic to help you understand what you read.

Directions Read the following passage. Then complete the diagram below to make a generalization.

<p>Want to start a rock collection? It's not hard to do.</p> <p>Begin by taking a walk in your neighborhood with a parent. If you see some interesting rocks, pick them up and save them.</p> <p>Study the rocks. Some have many colors. Others have only one color. Some</p>	<p>are smooth. Others are rough. Some are shiny. Others are dull. Ask yourself questions about the rocks.</p> <p>After you have collected some rocks, organize them. Get a book about types of rocks. Sort your rocks. Label each group.</p>
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5. What do you already know about rocks? _____

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Home Activity Your child made a generalization from a nonfiction passage about rocks. Read another nonfiction passage with your child and discuss any generalizations the author made. Have your child tell how the author made those generalizations.