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## Generalize

- A **generalization** is a broad statement about several ideas or things in a book.
- A **valid generalization** is adequately supported by specific facts and by logic.

**Directions** Read the passage below.

**M**ost gems are formed from minerals. To become a gem, a mineral must cool and harden into a solid crystal. Crystals are minerals that have special shapes and patterns.

When they are first discovered and mined, most gems look like ordinary rocks. They are often rough and unevenly shaped. In the hands of talented gem cutters, however,

these raw chunks of mineral become brilliant gemstones. The best gemstones are often made into jewelry.

Gemstones are like snowflakes. No two are exactly the same. Gemstones come in every color of the rainbow. When they are cut and polished, gemstones' colors sparkle and shine. The gemstones that sparkle and shine the most are worth the most money!

**Directions** Write three generalizations the author makes about gemstones in this passage. For each generalization, write a detail from the passage that supports the generalization.

1. **Generalization:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Supporting Detail:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Generalization:** \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Supporting Detail:** \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Generalization:** \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Supporting Detail:** \_\_\_\_\_