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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.

Most 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. **Possible responses given.**

1. **Generalization:** Most gems are formed from minerals.
2. **Supporting Detail:** Minerals must cool and harden into a crystal.
3. **Generalization:** When first discovered, gems look like rocks.
4. **Supporting Detail:** They are often rough and unevenly shaped.
5. **Generalization:** Gemstones are like snowflakes.
6. **Supporting Detail:** No two are exactly the same.