

**Snapshot Response to
“Rocks in His Head”
by Carol Otis Hurst**

1. What did you learn about collecting things? What would you do with a collection?

Responses will vary but should show what students learned about the value of collecting things—getting to know a lot about something.

2. What do you know about rocks? What do you know about collecting? How did what you know help you as you read this Selection Snapshot?

Responses will vary. Students might mention that thinking about what they already knew helped them understand what was happening in the Snapshot and why it was happening.

3. What did the museum director mean when she said she wanted someone who had rocks in his head to be the head of mineralogy? Was she making fun of Mr. Hurst?

The museum director wasn't making fun of Mr. Hurst, but she was acknowledging that “rocks in his head” could be a term that isn't flattering. She wanted Mr. Hurst to have the job because he had so much knowledge about rocks in his head.