

FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR
Appalachian Mountains

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 3.

2. If you could visit the Appalachian Mountains, what would you like to see?

3. How long are the Appalachian Mountains?
 - A. less than 1,000 miles (1,600 km)
 - B. approximately 2,000 miles (3,200 km)
 - C. more than 5,000 miles (8,000 km)

4. How could setting up parks help the Appalachian Mountains?
 - A. It can stop people from changing or hurting that land.
 - B. It can keep plants and animals away from that land.
 - C. It can help people use that land for coal mining.

5. What does **eroded** mean in the *Appalachian Mountains* book?

*Over millions of years, weather **eroded** the mountains. It made them smaller. They became nearly flat.*

- A. built up high
- B. wore down
- C. covered up

6. What does **protested** mean in the *Appalachian Mountains* book?

*In 2014, energy companies wanted to build a gas pipeline in the mountains. But people **protested**. They said a pipeline would be harmful.*

- A. forgot something
- B. liked something
- C. spoke against something

Answer Key for Appalachian Mountains

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. A
5. B
6. C

5. What does **prey** mean in the *Colorado River* book?

*And mountain lions often hunt along the river. They find mule deer and other **prey**.*

- A. animals that mountain lions eat
- B. animals that fight with mountain lions
- C. animals that eat mountain lions

6. What does **refuges** mean in the *Colorado River* book?

*Others focus on protecting land. They have set aside big areas to be parks or **refuges**.*

- A. areas where many people live
- B. areas where people can hunt for sport
- C. areas where animals are safe

Answer Key for Colorado River

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. A
5. A
6. C

5. What does **collapsed** mean in the *Crater Lake* book?

*Then the top of the volcano **collapsed**. It sank in on itself.*

- A. fell down
- B. stayed put
- C. turned

6. What does **protect** mean in the *Crater Lake* book?

*However, many people are working to **protect** Crater Lake. The lake is part of a national park. Laws stop people from harming the land and wildlife.*

- A. dry out
- B. ruin
- C. keep safe

Answer Key for Crater Lake

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. C
5. A
6. C

5. What does **habitats** mean in the *Death Valley* book?

*All these areas create different **habitats**. They provide homes for living things.*

- A. food for plants and animals
- B. places where plants and animals live
- C. things that kill plants and animals

6. What does **protect** mean in the *Death Valley* book?

*Many people are trying to help Death Valley. In 1994, much of the area became a national park. That helps **protect** the land.*

- A. to remove something
- B. to harm something
- C. to keep something safe

Answer Key for Death Valley

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. C

5. What does **shallow** mean in the *Great Lakes* book?

*Then everyone puts on swimming masks and fins. They all play in the **shallow** water. They spot plants and snails. Small fish swim past.*

- A. empty
- B. frozen
- C. not deep

6. What does **damaged** mean in the *Great Lakes* book?

*People have overfished the lakes. That has **damaged** fish habitats. Many fish have died.*

- A. helped
- B. hurt
- C. ignored

Answer Key for Great Lakes

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. B

5. What does **migrate** mean in the *Rocky Mountains* book?

*Many animals **migrate** during the year. They may spend summers in high and cool parts of the Rockies. In winter, they move down to warmer areas.*

- A. die out
- B. stay in one place
- C. move between places

6. What does **repair** mean in the *Rocky Mountains* book?

*Workers also clear and **repair** trails. That way, many visitors can see and admire the Rockies.*

- A. fix
- B. remove
- C. ignore

Answer Key for Rocky Mountains

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. A
5. C
6. A