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# STORYTIME GUIDE



### ABOUT THE BOOK

Follow a stone's journey through time as it faces ice, water, wind, and scorching heat in this beautiful nonfiction picture book that is *Seeds Move!* meets *A Stone Sat Still*.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- How does the stone transform over the course of the book? What events cause it to transform?
- The stone isn't still. It moves from place to place. What events cause it to move?
- Are people also changed by the events they experience? What is an experience you've had that changed you?
- This book's title is a metaphor: A stone is a story. In what ways is a stone similar to a story? Can you "read" a stone?
- What do you notice about the animals and plants in the art? How do they change as the stone's story unfolds?
- If you could go back in time to any point in the stone's story, what time would you travel to?

### **EXTENSION ACTIVITIES**

#### My Stone's Story

Have students find a rock. Invite them to imagine everything it might have been through and how it got to look this way. Allow students to write and illustrate the story of their stone.

#### **Erosion Walk**

Erosion plays an important role in shaping Earth's rocks and landscapes. Guide students on a walk through your neighborhood. As you walk, look for signs of erosion. Are there places where water, wind, or other forces have carried rock or soil away?

#### **Poetic Science**

This book is a poem about a science topic. Invite students to research a science topic they are interested in and write a poem about it.