

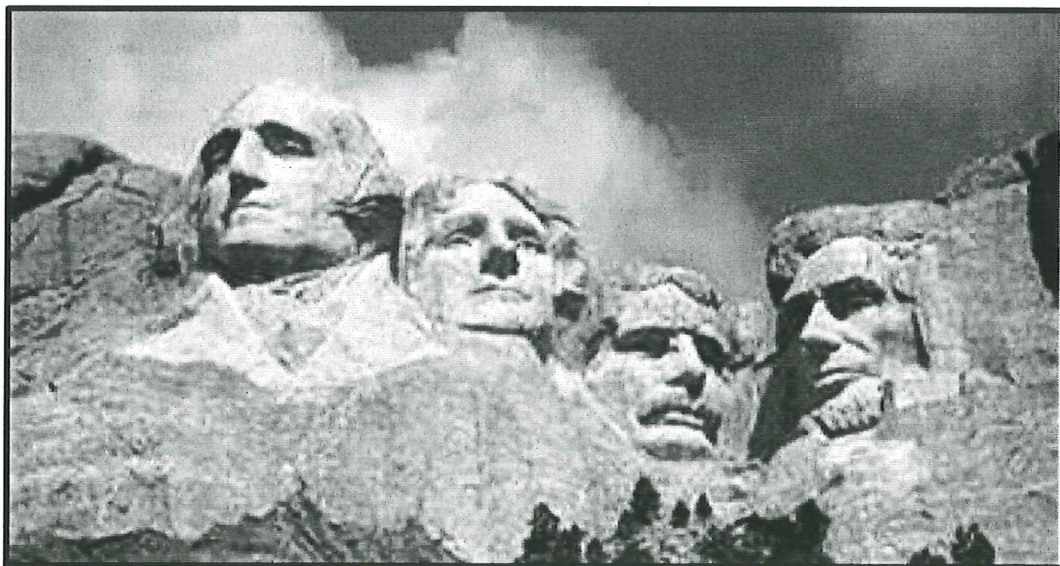
Mt. Rushmore



Name: _____

Directions: Read the paragraph and find the main idea. Write down three supporting details and then summarize the paragraph.

Almost three million visitors a year from all over the United States travel to South Dakota to see Mt. Rushmore. From 1927 to 1941, over 400 men and women worked to build the four faces out of granite. There were a variety of jobs including jackhammer operators, blacksmiths, housekeepers, call boys, sculptors, and more. Working on Mt. Rushmore was difficult for several reasons. The workers had to face severe weather conditions whether it was extremely cold, windy, or hot. Also, each day they had to climb 700 steps to the top of the mountain where they had to punch-in their time cards. From there, a *bosun chair* would lower many of them on cables over the front of the face of the mountain in order to work. The work was also dangerous as 90% of the mountain was carved using dynamite. Powdermen placed dynamite carefully, in order to remove specific pieces of rock. Surprisingly, not one fatality occurred in its fourteen years of construction. With much hard work, the faces of four important presidents, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln, are represented in this mountain which has become an American symbol.



Main Idea:

Supporting Details:

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Summary:
