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Volcano Summary

Directions: Read the nonfiction passage about volcanoes. Think about the **most important ideas**, not every small detail. Write a **3-4 sentence summary** of the passage in your own words. Remember: A good summary tells the **main ideas only** and leaves out extra details.

How Volcanoes Erupt

A volcano is an opening in Earth's surface where hot melted rock, called magma, escapes. Magma is stored in a chamber deep underground. When pressure builds up inside the chamber, the magma pushes upward through cracks. Once it reaches the surface, it flows out as lava. Explosive eruptions can also send ash, gases, and rock into the air. Over time, layers of hardened lava and ash form the cone-shaped mountain we see as a volcano.

Write your summary of the passage in 3-4 sentences:

Reflection Question

Why is it important to write a summary instead of copying the whole passage?