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Volcano Summary Answer Key

Sample Summary (3-4 sentences):

A volcano is an opening in Earth's surface where magma escapes. Pressure builds in an underground chamber, forcing magma upward through cracks. When it erupts, magma turns to lava and can also release ash, gases, and rock. Over time, layers of lava and ash form a volcano's cone shape.

Reflection Question (Sample Answer):

Summaries help readers focus on the **main ideas** and understand the passage better without copying every detail.

Teacher Guide/Notes:

- This worksheet helps Grade 4 students practice **summarizing informational text**, a key comprehension skill.
- Encourage students to use **transition words** like *first, next, then, finally* if it helps them organize their summaries.
- Accept summaries that capture the **core process of eruptions** even if wording is different from the sample.
- Extension idea: Have students draw a quick diagram of a volcano and label "magma chamber," "lava," and "ash" to reinforce understanding.