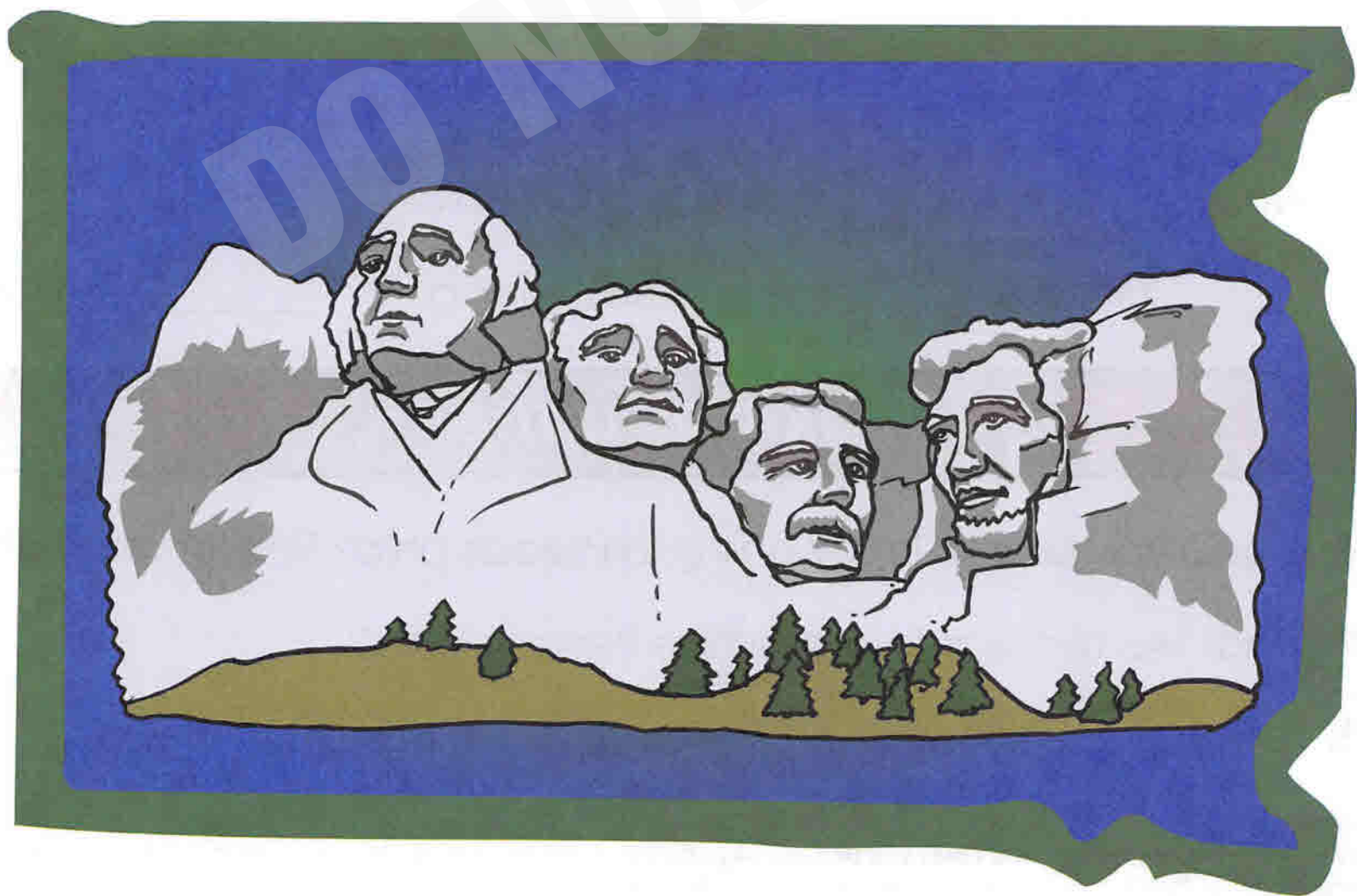


# South Dakota

Can you imagine seeing four huge faces carved into the side of a mountain? What if these faces were four of our presidents? Wow! Well, you can see this at Mount Rushmore in South Dakota.

You can also see the Badlands. Is this bad

land? No! It is land full of gorges and mesas. A gorge is a narrow passage through a canyon. A mesa is a hill with a flat top. You can also see the Black Hills. These hills look dark from far away. Their name comes from a Lakota Indian word.



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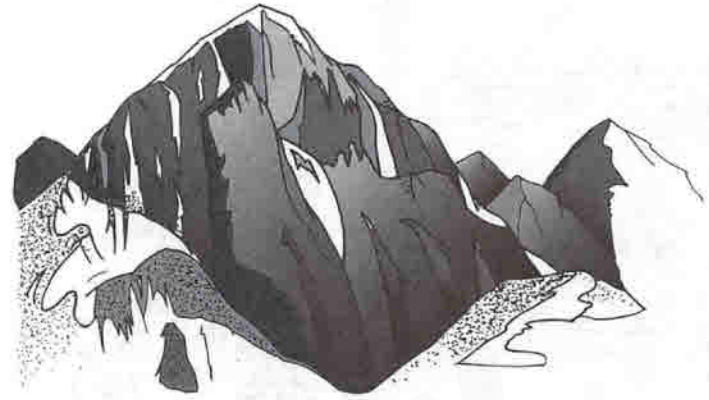
## Reading Skills

1. Mount Rushmore has \_\_\_\_\_ faces carved out of stone.

\_\_\_\_\_ three

\_\_\_\_\_ two

\_\_\_\_\_ four



2. The Badlands are

\_\_\_\_\_ bad. \_\_\_\_\_ good. \_\_\_\_\_ filled with gorges.

3. Whose faces are carved in Mount Rushmore?

\_\_\_\_\_ hikers \_\_\_\_\_ presidents \_\_\_\_\_ athletes

4. What is a mesa?

\_\_\_\_\_ a desert

\_\_\_\_\_ a lake

\_\_\_\_\_ a hill with a flat top

## Thinking Further

1. Would you want to see Mount Rushmore? Why or why not?

2. Do you think it would be hard to carve people's heads out of stone? Why or why not?

**Directions:**

**Reading Skills—Comprehension and Facts and Details (1-4):** Have students read the question and mark the correct answer.

**Thinking Further (1-2):** Have students read each question and then discuss their responses, or have them write down their thoughts on a separate sheet of paper.