

# History Rocks

**ESSAY THOUGHT QUESTION** – What rock or mineral has had the greatest influence or impact on human society? Support your answer. For example, oil and water are **not** minerals or rocks, but would be a fantastic answers if they were. If you need ideas for choices, p 6, 7, and the back cover of the E.S.R.T. have lists of rocks and mineral names. Do NOT limit yourself to just those choices...

1. Write-up your answer to this question as a 1 to 2 page essay.
2. Type your essay – 12 pt font, double spaced, 1 inch margins.
3. Include a brief description of the mineral or rock:
  - General physical and chemical traits, etc.
  - Where it is found and/or how it is formed
  - How it is obtained – mined or extracted
  - What is it used for?
  - How has its use been important to human society?  
How would society be different without it?
4. Cite any sources – Use Google to search for information on your choice. Then include the web address as your citation. Put these on the back of your essay, or on a separate stapled page. They do NOT count towards your length.
5. You may include ONE small picture, diagram, or illustration. Make sure it refers to something you are writing about. Cite its source, too. If you include more pictures, attach them on a separate sheet.
6. Essays will be graded on 1) scientific content and accuracy, 2) historical content, and 3) grammar, spelling, organization, and originality.