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Could You Walk Through Time by Hiking Through a Canyon?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary. A strong answer might be: "I'd want to find fossils to learn what animals lived there long ago."
2. Because it shows a huge part of Earth's past with many rock layers and clues.
3. By studying the past, we can learn how Earth's climate and land have changed and prepare for the future.
4. Answers will vary. Look for thoughtful reflections like surprise about the age of rocks or the idea that deserts used to be oceans.

