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Journey into the World of Geology

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers will vary but may include challenges like volcanic eruptions, gas emissions, and unstable terrain. Geologists help assess eruption risks, study lava flows, and provide early warning systems.
2. Geologists contribute to environmental conservation by assessing the impact of mining, construction, and other activities, recommending sustainable practices, and protecting ecosystems.
3. Geological research helps us understand Earth's history through the study of rocks, fossils, and landforms. It also informs us about ongoing geological processes and potential future events.
4. Answers will vary, but an example could be a geologist using analytical skills to analyze rock samples and discover evidence of an ancient riverbed, revealing past environmental conditions.

