



Investigation 7:

Tracing a Material to its Source



Materials Needed

For this investigation your group will need:

- mineral distribution charts
- Internet access
- telephone access
- encyclopedias
- calculator
- metric tape measure
- relief map of the United States
- relief map of the world
- set of common objects
- balance
- daily newspaper with financial pages
- poster board and markers

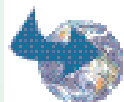


Key Question

Before you begin, first think about this key question.

How dependent are you on minerals for materials?

Share your ideas with your classmates. Keep a record of the discussion in your journal.



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1. You will be choosing a common household object that can be made either from resources that are typically mined or from resources that are typically