

# NATURAL RESOURCES MINERALS

## Fill in the Blank

Use your book to fill in the blanks for the history of minerals.

1. 8000 BCE: People used \_\_\_\_\_ to make tools such as scrapers and knives.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ BCE: Ancient Egyptians built pyramids using minerals such as limestone, sandstone, and granite.
3. 1766-256 BC: People in \_\_\_\_\_ first used minerals in medicine and when burying the dead. They believe minerals have healing powers.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ CE: German scientist Georgius Agricola wrote *De re metallica*. The book describes methods for mining minerals.
5. 1800s: People used \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to blow up rocks. This makes mining minerals easier.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Scientists find new ways to separate minerals. They develop rare-earth mining. Rare-earth minerals are used to make parts of mobile phones, cameras, rockets, and more.

