SAT Prep: Nonfiction/ Paired Passages



Highlight three examples of benefits that space mining can offer.

In your own words, why was the forum in Australia held?

CONTEXT: Look at the title of Passage 1; in your own words, what question is the passage trying to answer?

Return to the title of this passage…in the author’s view, is space-mining “the next Gold Rush?”

❑ yes ❑ no

Underline one piece of evidence as proof of your answer.





Which of the following is true of the passages?

1. Passage 1 thinks space mining should be pursued, while Passage 2 thinks one should think carefully before proceeding
2. Passage 1 thinks space mining is too potentially hazardous to pursue while Passage 2 thinks that space mining must be explored immediately
3. Both Passages 1 and 2 think that space mining must be pursued immediately for the benefit of humankind
4. Both Passages 1 and 2 caution against space mining

According to this first paragraph in Passage 2, what does the author identify as the main reason that most people NOW are interested in space mining?

* Discovery
* Economics
* Technological advances
* Environmental sustainability

Note the author’s ideas:

* He concedes (acknowledges) that there is a benefit in space mining.
* BUT, he also notes that there are potential disadvantages.

Highlight three reasons the author gives to be careful about space mining.