Treasured Art

Review Key Words⁶

figures

Figures are shapes, forms, or outlines.

ancient

Ancient means very old.

eroded

Eroded means wore or washed

away over time.

carvings

Carvings are shapes or designs

made by scraping or cutting

into something.

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A man was walking near his home in the Philippines. He noticed pictures on a cave wall. The pictures were cut into the rock. They showed **human figures**, frogs, lizards, and other shapes. **Scientists** later learned that people had **carved** these pictures over 5,000 years ago.

The man was not the first to find old rock **carvings**. People have found rock carvings in other countries. They show many different things. Some of the carvings show fish, horses, and birds. Some of them show people running or hunting.

What do the carvings mean?
Some scientists think the carvings show how people lived long ago.
Others think the carvings show what people believed. We may never know what the carvings mean or why people made them.

Most rock carvings are **ancient**, so they are often hard to see. Things like rain and wind have **eroded** the carvings. But now people try to **protect** them. They are a **treasure** to the **modern** world. The carvings are a **glimpse** of life long ago.

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Answer the Questions

- 1. What is the main idea of this story?
 - a. Wind and rain have made the old rock carvings hard to see.
 - b. Old rock carvings are a treasure that give a glimpse of life long ago.
 - c. People are trying to protect ancient rock carvings.
- 2. What is one thing the carvings show?
 - a. wind and rain
 - b. a treasure
 - c. animal shapes

- 3. What does the word glimpse mean in this story?
 - a. human figures
 - b. an old carving
 - c. a quick look
- 4. Why might people never find answers to questions about the carvings?
 - a. They were made a long time ago.
 - b. People are trying to protect them.
 - c. They are cut into the rock.

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