Isn’t a rock a rock? Students will learn about the rock cycle and how rocks can change into something new. Students will also discuss, study, and sort specimens into the three major rock types.

FIELD TRIP - APPROXIMATELY 2 HOURS

30 MINUTES - GALLERY TIME
- Learn about rocks on planet Earth
- Discuss the rock cycle and the rocks we find in Georgia

30 MINUTES - STORE

30 MINUTES - GEM PANNING + CAREERS IN GEOLOGY

30 MINUTES - LAB
- Define classification and its importance
- Classify rocks: igneous, sedimentary, metamorphic
- Discuss various parts of the rock cycle using hand specimens

TAKE HOME ITEMS
- Keep the gemstones found in Gem Panning