“Reader of the Rocks” Name __________________________
Strategy Focus: Determining Importance

HINT: Remember to ask yourself the following questions:
- Why did the author write this article?
- What does he want me to learn?
- What information is most important for me understanding this article?
- What information is interesting, but not critical to my understanding?

Step 1:
- Highlight the entire article with the colors green, yellow, and pink.
  - **Green** = “Go!” I should keep going (reading) because I don’t need this information to understand the purpose of the article.
  - **Yellow** = “Caution!” I should slow down my reading because this might be important to understanding the purpose of the article.
  - **Pink** = “Stop!” I should stop and pay close attention to this information because it will help me determine the purpose of the article.

Step 2:
- Note-It (Jot down a few words that would explain the following headings)
  - **“Stop” Notes = This is the most important information I read that will help me understand the purpose of the article.**
    - __________________________________________
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“Caution” Notes = I might need this information to help me understand the purpose of the article.
- __________________________________________
- __________________________________________
- __________________________________________
- __________________________________________
- __________________________________________

“Keep Going” Notes = This information may be interesting, but I do not need it to understand the purpose of the article.
- __________________________________________
- __________________________________________

Step 3: Extension Activity
- Summarize the article: Use your “pink” and maybe some “yellow” notes to summarize the main gist of the article.
- ______________________________________________________________________
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