

Unit 9: What is the World?

Name:

Class:

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1. What is 4.6 billion years old?

2. “*The merest speck on a cosmic coast*”

In this phrase, tick **one** word that *merest* is closest to in meaning.

most comfortable

☐

most beautiful

☐

most insignificant

☐

most admired

☐

3. Why is the myth maker more likely to talk about turtles and elephants than the priest?

4. Where do you think an astronaut would be when he said “*Home*”?

5. Why would an ecologist describe the planet as “*Poorly*”?

6. Tick **one** box in each line to indicate whether each of the people in the poem is offering facts or opinions.

	Fact	Opinion
Scientist		
Geologist		
Astronomer		
Myth maker		
Priest		
Astronaut		
Ecologist		