

Shorty #2 - Eating Dirt

Name _____

Read this link.

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/thesalt/2014/04/02/297881388/the-old-and-mysterious-practice-of-eating-dirt-revealed>

1. What is white dirt? Where does it come from how does it form?

a)

b)

2. For what is kaolin normally used? _____

Watch this short video linked from the article -> <http://www.eatwhitedirt.com>

3. What is pica and what substances are normally involved? (I used to eat ice. Hm...)

4. If this habit is useful for absorbing materials in our gut, explain how that could be both...

HELPFUL -

HARMFUL -

5. Why do you think folks eat white dirt? Any other musings? Any questions? Any other discoveries about this on the web?

+1 Point Extra Credit

Read about the history of *Kaopectate* and tell why it is germane to this Shorty.