Skill: Mean, Median, and Mode

Investigation 3

Data About Us

For Exercises 1–3, use the table.

- 1. What is the mean height of the active volcanoes listed to the nearest foot?
- **2.** What is the median height of the active volcanoes listed?
- **3.** What is the mode of the heights of the active volcanoes listed?

| Active Volcanoes | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Name | Height Above Sea Level (ft) | | | | | | | |
| Cameroon Mt. | 13,354 | | | | | | | |
| Mount Erebus | 12,450 | | | | | | | |
| Asama | 8,300 | | | | | | | |
| Gerde | 9,705 | | | | | | | |
| Sarychev | 5,115 | | | | | | | |
| Ometepe | 5,106 | | | | | | | |
| Fogo | 9,300 | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Hood | 11,245 | | | | | | | |
| Lascar | 19,652 | | | | | | | |

The sum of the heights of all the students in a class is 1,472 in.

- **4.** The mean height is 5 ft 4 in. How many students are in the class? (1 ft = 12 in.)
- **5.** The median height is 5 ft 2 in. How many students are 5 ft 2 in. or taller? How many are shorter?

The number of pages read (to the nearest multiple of 50) by the students in history class last week are shown in the tally table.

| Pages | 50 | 100 | 150 | 200 | 250 | 300 | 350 | 400 | 450 | 500 | 550 | 600 | 650 | 700 | 750 |
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- **6.** Find the mean, the median, and the mode of the data.
- **7.** Are there any outliers in this set of data.
- **8.** Do any outliers raise or lower the mean?
- 9. Would you use the mean, median, or mode to most accurately reflect the typical number of pages read by a student? Explain.