

touchstone['tʌtʃstəʊn] *n*

1. пробирный камень; оселок
2. критерий, пробный камень

the touchstone of realism [of poetry] - пробный камень реализма [поэзии]

to apply smth. as a touchstone - использовать что-л. как пробный камень

time is the only true touchstone of merit - подлинная ценность /истинное достоинство/ проверяется только временем

3. базальт (*мж.* Irish touchstone)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

touch-stone [touchstone touchstones] *BrE* ['tʌtʃstəʊn] [ⓘ] *NAmE* ['tʌtʃstoun] [ⓘ]**noun usually singular ~ (of/for sth)** (formal)

something that provides a standard against which other things are compared and/or judged

- the touchstone for quality

Example Bank:

- Grammar was regarded as the touchstone of all language performance.
- He has been a guiding beacon in my life and a touchstone of human integrity.
- She remained for them a touchstone of good sense.
- The nineteenth-century struggle to reconstitute Poland was a touchstone for liberals and socialists alike.
- The way medicines are sold has become one of the touchstone issues of modern capitalism.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: touchstone 'stone used for testing the quality of gold and silver' (16-21 centuries)]

something used as a test or standard

touchstone of

- Pupil behaviour was seen as 'the touchstone of quality' of the school system.

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