

Online Book Club

The Mystery at Mount Rushmore

Bring It To Life!

1. Make your own Mount Rushmore! Use grey modeling clay to form a mountain shape. Then, using tools such as toothbrushes, forks, and spoons (with an adult's supervision), sculpt the faces of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln into the "mountain" as best you can!
2. Road Trip! Pretend you and your family want to take a trip to Mount Rushmore. Plan a 3-day trip full of adventure and sightseeing. Where will you visit? Where will you find a hotel? Will you fly or drive? Make sure your trip will please everyone in your family.
3. Research like Mimi! Writing a book is hard work, but it all starts with good research. Pretend you have been hired to research Mimi's new book about Mount Rushmore. What will you use for research? What information might be important to know about Mount Rushmore? Write down your findings and use them to write a short creative story about a Mount Rushmore adventure.
4. My name is Sioux! Research Mato's Native American tribe, the Sioux. Divide a poster board into columns. Put headings above each column: Customs, Traditions, History, Food, Dress, and Language. Add your findings to each column. How are Sioux Indians similar to or different from your culture?



Online Quiz

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Pop Quiz

1. What was Gutzom Borglum's job?
 - a. painter
 - b. doctor
 - c. sculptor
2. Where is Mount Rushmore?
 - a. North Dakota
 - b. South Dakota
 - c. North Carolina
3. Christina and Grant found handwritten clues on what material?
 - a. parchment paper
 - b. glass bottles
 - c. tiles
4. What was the first place Grant and Christina visited in South Dakota?
 - a. Wall Drug Store
 - b. Custer State Park
 - c. the Badlands
5. What did Grant and Christina find in Keystone?
 - a. a tile clue
 - b. prairie dogs
 - c. motorcycles
6. Which animals are prairie dogs most like?
 - a. rabbits
 - b. golden retrievers
 - c. squirrels
7. What was the name of the secret room behind Mount Rushmore?
 - a. Hall of Secrets
 - b. Hall of Records
 - c. Hall of History
8. What Native American tribe did Mato belong to?
 - a. Sioux
 - b. Sequoia
 - c. Chippewa



Know your SAT Words!

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SAT Words



1. Acreage: _____
2. Demonstrate: _____
3. Subterfuge: _____
4. Suspicious: _____
5. Uproot: _____

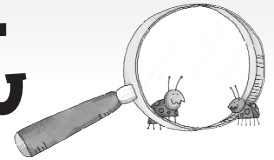
Write a sensational sentence using all five SAT Words from this mystery.



Online Activity

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Scavenger Hunt



Want to have some fun? Let's go on a scavenger hunt! See if you can find each item either in the book or when you visit the real place. Good luck! *(Teachers: You have permission to reproduce this page for your students.)*

1. ____ a "You are Here" magnet
2. ____ a friendly burro
3. ____ a jackalope
4. ____ a tepee
5. ____ bison
6. ____ four stone faces
7. ____ a Native American rain dance
8. ____ coyote howls
9. ____ the Grand View Terrace
10. ____ motorcycles



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Talk About It!

1. If you were asked to carve a national monument, who or what would you carve? Why?
2. Discuss why Crazy Horse is important to Native Americans.
3. If you had to pick one landmark Christina and Grant visited while in South Dakota, which would you pick? Why?
4. Talk about the importance of keeping animals, like bison, from going extinct.
5. Who was your favorite character in this story? What did he or she add to the story? What would the story be like if he or she wasn't in it?
6. Why is it scary when Grant and Christina's car breaks down in the Badlands? What smells, tastes, sounds, and feelings do you think they experienced?
7. Was Scarlett a villain? Why or why not?
8. Grant and Christina trusted Mato and Rory with the clues. How can you tell if someone is trustworthy?
9. Discuss how Mount Rushmore might be different if Gutzon Borglum had finished his dream.
10. Do you think Grant was smart or foolish for climbing to the top of Mount Rushmore? Why?

