

Online Book Club

The Graveyard Of The Atlantic Mystery

Talk About It!

1. Storms along Cape Hatteras caused many shipwrecks. Have you ever been out in a boat? If so, what do you think it would be like to be in a boat in a fierce storm? How would you feel? Where would you go for shelter?
2. The humid climate along the North Carolina coast made Grant and Christina very uncomfortable. What is the summer weather like where you live? Do you like hot weather, or do you prefer cold weather?
3. The Macaw parrot is a beautiful bird. Have you ever seen a parrot like him in a zoo or a bird sanctuary? Have you ever talked to a parrot or a parakeet? If so, what did the bird say?
4. The Outer Banks Angel helped rescue people. Why is it important to have rescue forces like the Lifesaving Service and the Coast Guard? Do you think you might like to work for the Coast Guard when you grow up? Why or why not?
5. Sean and Sally played a trick on Grant and Christina. Did you think it was funny? Have you every played a trick on someone? If so, what did you do, and how did they react?
6. Lighthouses guide ships that are sailing near the coast. Have you ever toured a lighthouse? If so, what was it like? Did you see where the lighthouse keeper lived? Would you like to be a lighthouse keeper? It was often a very lonely job!
7. The kids enjoyed crab at the crab boil. Do you like seafood? If so, what are your favorite things to eat from the sea?
8. The kids had a great time exploring the shipwreck. Do you like to go exploring? What are some places you have explored, and what did you find there?
9. The parrot told a riddle to the children. Do you like to figure out riddles? What is one of your favorite riddles?
10. Thomas grew up alone along the beach. What are some things he needed to live and survive?



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Bring It To Life!

1. Find out more! Divide your book club into two groups. Ask the first group to research all the ships used by the U.S. Coast Guard, and draw the ships on a poster. Ask the second group to research all the airplanes used by the U.S. Coast Guard, and draw the airplanes on a poster. Be sure to label them! Then, ask each group to present its poster to the rest of the book club.
2. Have a seafood feast! Ask some parents to help you make some seafood dishes for your next book club meeting. You might want to sure to include shrimp cocktail, some tasty crabmeat, a tuna casserole, and maybe some fish sticks! Don't forget the cocktail sauce, and some tangy lemonade to drink!
3. Draw it! Draw an underwater ocean scene. Pick fantastic fish with stripes, bright colors, and interesting shapes. Add an octopus and some crawling crabs! Toss in a seahorse! Decorate with coral! Scatter some shells along the ocean floor! It's your very own watery world! When you're finished, decorate your book club meeting room with your creations.
4. Imagine it! Pretend you are a diver exploring a shipwreck off the North Carolina coast. Your pretend ship ran ground in 1885. Was it a merchant ship? Was it a pirate ship? Was it a ship bringing families to America? Imagine the things you might find! Make a list of your "treasures." Exchange papers with other book club members and see who found the most interesting imaginary ship!



Online Information

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Fascinating Facts

Atlantic Ocean

- Richard Etheridge, the first black keeper in the U.S. Lifesaving Service, was born to a slave named Rachel Dough. She lived in the household of John Etheridge. John taught Richard to read and write even though it was illegal to do so.
- Richard Etheridge's gravesite is on the grounds of the North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island.
- More than 600 ships have sunk off the North Carolina Outer Banks.
- Consisting of shifting sand bars, Diamond Shoals extends 14 miles out into the Atlantic Ocean.
- Residents of the Outer Banks are known as "Outer Bankers."
- During World War II, German U-boats sank many Allied tankers and cargo ships along the Outer Banks. The area became known as Torpedo Junction.
- Few ships wreck on the Outer Banks today, but the ruins of old shipwrecks are still exposed by storms from time to time.
- The Cape Hatteras lighthouse is the tallest lighthouse in the nation!



Know your SAT Words!

Mystery Name: **Graveyard of the Atlantic**

SAT Words



1. Acclimate_____
2. Decipher_____
3. Navigation_____
4. Penetrate_____
5. Resuscitate_____

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



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Pop Quiz!

1. Who broke his ankle? What color did he choose for his cast?
2. What kind of parrot spoke a riddle to the children?
3. Cape Hatteras is located in what state?
4. What is the hermit's real name?
5. True or False? Grant liked the taste of a raw oyster.
6. Sally invited the kids and Mimi and Papa to what kind of cookout?
7. True or False? Old Man Billy's pappy believed it was important for his surfmen to know how to read and write.
8. What did Christina find in the shipwreck?
9. What does Sean want to do when he grows up?
10. What startled Grant, making him fall onto the back of a wild horse?

