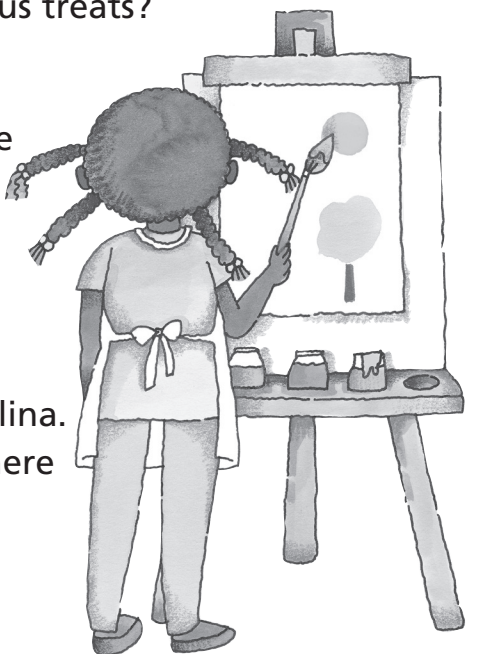


Online Book Club

The Mystery at Hilton Head Island

Bring It To Life!

1. Research the history and purpose of lighthouses. What is their purpose? Where are they usually located? How important were lighthouses to ship captains in the past? Are lighthouses still used today? If so, where? Make a poster or a computer presentation to display the answers to those questions.
2. Use the information in the mystery and some further research to find out reasons why Hilton Head Island would be a fun place to go on vacation. Make a travel brochure showing the places you would like to visit and things you would like to do. Use colorful pictures and clever headlines to make your brochure appeal to kids!
3. With the help of your parents, make some hushpuppies! Find a recipe or use a mix from the grocery store. Share them with another class and explain the various legends as to where the name "hushpuppy" came from. Can you think of some other names for the delicious treats?
4. Find a picture of the South Carolina flag. Create a version of the flag out of art materials. Display the flag while your book club discusses *The Mystery at Hilton Head Island*.
5. What time is it? And how's the weather? Use the Internet to find out the time difference between where you live and Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Then see what the weather is like compared to where you live. Draw a chart for the book club.



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TALK ABOUT IT!

1. Would you like to live in an island/beach community? Why or why not? Think about the fact that there would be a lot of tourists coming and going. Would that bother you, or would you like that?
2. In the mystery, the kids climb to the top of the Harbour Town Lighthouse. Describe the view they must have seen from the top. Would you like to climb to the top of the lighthouse, even if it was about 100 steps to the top?
3. The kids all wore PFDs when on board Captain Amber's boat. Can you think of reasons why everyone should wear PFDs on boats even if they can swim?
4. Avery says that her stomach sort of hurt when she sensed John's anxiety about the emails he was getting. Has your stomach ever hurt when you were afraid or worried about something?
5. John decides to describe the sights, sounds, and smells of a battle at Fort Howell when he visits the fort with the kids. Did the battle come alive to you? Was that a better way to describe a battle than just using dry facts? Why or why not?
6. Were you surprised to see John's role change at the end of the mystery? Were you surprised to learn who actually wrote the clues?
7. What was your favorite part of the mystery? Why? What did you think was the scariest part?
8. Who was your favorite character in the story? Why did you like that person so much? Would you like to be friends with them in real life? Why?



Know your SAT Words!

The Mystery at Hilton Head Island

SAT Words



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2. morose_____

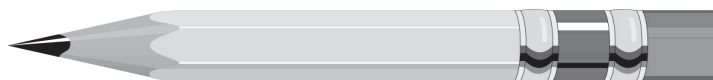
3. parentheses_____

4. ruckus_____

5. stoic_____

6. stern_____

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



Online Quiz

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Pop Quiz

1. What is the name of Mimi's dog?
 - a. Cookie
 - b. Calista
 - c. Coconut
2. Hilton Head Island is shaped like what body part?
 - a. foot
 - b. nose
 - c. thumb
3. What are John's two jobs?
 - a. newspaper reporter and artist
 - b. newspaper reporter and teacher
 - c. newspaper reporter and boat captain
4. The clues in the mystery arrive in what way?
 - a. by email
 - b. by letters left in the mailbox
 - c. by a mysterious package left on Mimi's porch
5. Evan bought a tee shirt with what creature on the front?
 - a. a shark
 - b. a dinosaur
 - c. a horseshoe crab
6. What is the name of the Leamington Light ghost?
 - a. Lookout Lady
 - b. The Lady in Blue
 - c. Leamington Lady
7. A clue that is misleading or distracting is known as:
 - a. a red ferret
 - b. a red herring
 - c. a red alligator
8. What did the kids use for rain gear during the rainstorm?
 - a. bedsheets
 - b. beach towels
 - c. plastic garbage bags

