

## AW #14 Mt Everest Features

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### Characters

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- Mimi, Peachtree City, GA, mystery writer, world traveler
- Papa, Peachtree City, GA, modern day cowboy, pilot
- Christina Yother, 10, Peachtree City, GA, Mimi and Papa's granddaughter
- Grant Yother, 7, Peachtree City, GA, Mimi and Papa's grandson
- Clue, Mimi and Papa's pet bloodhound
- Uncle Mike, Mimi's son
- Dave, Uncle Mike's friend

### Secondary Characters

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- Pemba: The Sherpa Guide
- Dawa Sherpa – Pemba's Daughter
- Lhakpa Sherpa – Pemba's Son
- Mingmar

**Time** – Winter

### Locations –

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- Peachtree City, GA, USA
- Katmandu, Nepal
- Lukla, Nepal
- Namche Bazaar, Nepal

### Places (Integral)

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- Peachtree City, GA
- Tribhuvan International Airport, Nepal
- Mt. Everest/Sagarmatha/Chomolungma
- Everest View Hotel
- Tengboche Monastery
- Base Camp on the moraine
- Khumbu Glacier
- Khumbu Icefall
- Himalayan Mountains

### Places or tours (Mentioned)

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- Tibet
- China
- India

### Educational Items (Integral)

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- Sherpas
- History
- Traditions and Foods
- Sherpa Tea with Salt and Yak Butter
- Tsampa – Breakfast food
- Shakpa – Thick Potato Soup
- Heating with Yak Dung
- Prayer Flags

- Angees and chubas – Traditional dress
- Legend: Abode of the Gods, Yeti (or The Abominable Snowman)
- Modern Technology incorporated into the Sherpa lifestyle
- Yaks
- Mani Stones
- Climbing Gear: Crampons, Compass, Oxygen Tanks, Climbing Harness, GPS, Satellite Phones, Snow glasses, Ice Axes
- Nepal: Size, Geography, History
- Economy: Rupees
- Religions: Hindu, Buddhism
- Architecture: Swayambhunath or “The Monkey Temple”
- Music and Art
- Sarangi – musical instrument played frequently in Nepal.
- Kalbhairav – A statue to whom people make promises.

### **Educational Items (Mentioned)**

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- Sir Edmund Hillary
- Tenzing Norgay
- Climbing Lingo
- Glacier
- Moraine
- Rickshaw
- Altitude Sickness
- George Mallory
- Reinhold Messner
- Peter Habeler
- Nepali Language
- Namaste

### **Visuals**

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- The world globe with Mount Everest marked, and a map of India, China, Pakistan, and the Bay of Bengal. Also shown are the Himalayas and Nepal.
- Sketches
- Igloo and prayer flags
- A monkey grabbing something from the backpack
- Hiking boots
- Socks the Yak
- Falling Boulder
- Dragon Statues
- Prayer Flags
- Charging Yak!
- Yak Footprints
- Clue written on a Prayer Flag
- Another Clue
- Uncle Mike and others climbing Mt. Everest
- A Yeti attacking the base camp!
- Mt. Everest

## Lessons learned

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### ***Always be respectful, of nature***

Always remember to clean up after yourself when you go camping or hiking.

### ***Even when you don't know the language, you must be respectful.***

Christina didn't know the Nepali language, but smiled back anyway at the rickshaw driver when he spoke to her in his native language.

### ***Sometimes while flying, you will be scared, but just remain calm.***

On the descent into Lukla, Christina was scared of the runway. But, she remained calm.

### ***There are many different religions and beliefs that we must learn about.***

Mimi reminds Grant to be respectful of the fact that many people in Nepal do not eat beef. The cow is a sacred animal in the Hindu religion.

### ***Always try a taste of new food.***

Christina and Grant tried all the new food that was presented to them, and although they didn't love the tea, they still were respectful with their response.

### ***When you go to a new place, learn from the people around you and listen to their concerns.***

Christina isn't familiar with the culture of the Sherpa, but through listening to her guide and his children she is able to better understand the culture she is visiting. At the end of the story this helps her solve the mystery.

### ***Help people that don't know how to do something.***

Grant doesn't know the differences in money from different countries, so his hosts help him when he wants to buy some snacks.

### ***Be good natured when someone plays a trick on you***

Dave puts rocks in Grant's backpack as a joke, and Grant laughs about it with him. He knows that Dave was just having a good time.

## Features

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- About the Author
- Built-In Book Club: Talk About It!
- Built-In Book Club: Bring it to Life!
- Mount Everest Trivia
- Glossary with 5 SAT words
- Scavenger Hunt

## Online Activities

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- Fact or Fiction
- Fascinating Facts
- SAT Words
- Built-In Book Club Talk About It
- Built-In Book Club Bring It To Life

## Synopsis

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Mimi, Papa, Grant, Christina, Uncle Mike and even his friend Dave are ready to embark on another exciting adventure. This time to Mt. Everest. Christina is awakened to Clue, their bloodhound, uncovering a mystery at Mimi's house in Peachtree City, GA. Even before the group gets on a plane, a mysterious note appears in Mimi's yard accompanied by strange markings in the grass. Who could have left this mysterious note with icicles and squiggly writing?

Upon arriving at the Tribhuvan International Airport in Nepal, the family takes a rickshaw to their hotel. Mimi stops to take a picture at the Kalbhairav where people make promises they plan to keep. Grant makes the promise that Uncle Mike and Dave will climb to the top of Mt. Everest! While they were looking at the Swayambhunath Shrine Christina notices that the eyes on the shrine are just like the eyes on the letter she found in Peachtree City! There are a lot of wild monkeys at this temple and one of them reaches into Grant's backpack and grabs the compass. The compass is replaced with melting ice and a small stone with more strange writing. Christina doesn't know the meaning of what was written on the stone or in the letter, but she begins to think it can't be good.

The family takes a plane to Lukla, Nepal. They hire a Yak to haul the load of gear needed for their ascent and head to Namche Bazaar where they will meet their guide. During their trek Christina is almost hit by a big boulder that comes crashing down from the mountainside. Did someone push it. As they get closer to Namche, they meet their Sherpa guide, Pemba. Pemba brings them to his home where Christina is introduced to many Sherpan customs and also Pemba's children. A girl, Dawa and a boy, Lhakpa. Christina asks Dawa if she understands the strange writing. Dawa does understand the letter. It is a warning to stay away from Mt. Everest. She and her brother are not able to understand the stones, but they think the monks at the Monastery will be able to read what it says. After a good nights rest, the group gets ready to hike to the Monastery. While the children are buying supplies Christina hears a woman talking to a man in a strange green cap. The woman is insisting that they make it to the top first. But to where and why? As the man passes – he warns the children that they have no business in the “abode of the Gods.”

The Lama is able to read the stones at the Tengboche Monastery. He is very concerned for their safety because the stones warn that the Yeti (an ancient, dangerous creature) will be guarding the mountain. The children decide they must continue the trek because Mimi has to write her book.

The group continues their hike toward the Base Camp. While they are crossing a bridge, Christina notices a strange prayer flag. As she grabs it from its place she sees the Yak barreling toward her. Christina faints, but is safe. Dawa reads the flag. It is a last warning! They forge on into the Khumu Galcier and the moraine. While they are crossing the glacier they see the remains of some of the hikers that didn't make it. Mimi turns her ankle in a crevasse and has to go back to the city with Papa. The four children are left alone with Uncle Mike, Dave and Pemba.

The hikers unload their supplies from the Yak and turn in for the night. In the morning, Christina awakes to a commotion outside. Someone has stolen the oxygen tanks! U. Mike and Dave decide to start their ascent to Mt. Everest anyway and put in a call for more oxygen. Pemba said a Sherpa named Mingmar would be around to help the kids at the base camp.

Christina sees the man in the green cap in a tent and thinks he is up to no good. She also sees him and some others beginning the climb after U. Mike and Dave. So, after the others left Christina decided to dig around for clues. They found another note under the place the tanks had been. The kids turn on their radio and heard two people talking about the stolen oxygen tanks. It seems they might be hidden near the dead body they had seen on the glacier.

Grant and Lhakpa and Socks set out to find the oxygen tanks with an extra phone. While they were gone, Christina notices a giant footprint!

Christina stops to think who would have a problem with Mimi writing a book about the expedition. And she realized that someone didn't want Mimi to write this book first!

Grant and Lhadpa find the Oxygen after a near accident in an avalanche. Socks pulled the two boys to safety. They get the Oxygen to Uncle Mike so he can continue his trek! The two girls are attacked by a giant yeti and the man with the green cap! They run into a tent where they find the helper Mingmar tied up! They cut him loose and run from the Yeti and the man with the green hat. Mingmar goes to get more help while the girls hide, but then they are found. Luckily, Grant came and tackled the Yeti and Mingmar tackled the man in the green hat! They were safe.

They realized that it was no real Yeti, it was a woman who wanted to write a book about Mt. Everest before Mimi. She was trying to sabotage their expedition! No such chance with Christina and Grant around!