

# Online Book Club

## Dear Bats: The Creepy Cave Caper

### Bring It To Life!

1. Let's go on a treasure hunt! Ask each book club member to hide a secret surprise somewhere. Then have each member draw a map to their surprise using some ancient Indian symbols that they create. Don't forget to tell them how to get back to their starting place! Good luck treasure hunting!
2. Get Batty! Have each member of the book club research a different type of bat and present what they learned to the rest of the group. Then, discuss some reasons why most people are afraid of bats.
3. Are you ready to go spelunking? Have each member of the book club create their own spelunking kit with a bottle of water, a helmet, a flashlight, and some extra batteries. When each member has their kit assembled, use your flashlights to find some treasure!
4. Create your own parabolic listening device! You will need a clean, empty vegetable can and some long pieces of thin rope (long enough to stretch across a room). Ask a parent to drill a small hole in the bottom of the cans. Then, tie two cans to each other with one long piece of rope. Pick a partner and stand at opposite sides of the room. You'll be able to hear your partner talk like he or she is right next to you!



# Online Quiz

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### Pop Quiz



1. True or False? All bats are blind.
2. What is a stalactite?
3. What is the name of the cave Peter and Piper explore?
4. True or False? Peter and Piper got to see the gold in the vaults at Fort Knox.
5. What is echolocation?
6. What did Piper find in her mom's hair?
7. What is the name of Tom's daughter?
8. How did Peter, Piper, Segura, and Tom find their way out of the cave?



# Online Information

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# Fascinating Facts

## Batty Bat Trivia

1. Bats have a thumb and four fingers just like people!
2. Bats will only bite someone out of self defense.
3. A single brown bat can catch more than 1,000 mosquitoes in an hour!
4. Some bat mothers have been known to adopt orphan bats.
5. A bat is the only mammal that can fly!
6. The bumblebee bat is the world's smallest bat and weighs less than a penny!
7. The brown bat can live more than 32 years!
8. Bats are nocturnal. They sleep during the day and eat at night.
9. Bats hang upside down when they sleep!
10. There are nearly 1,000 types of bats all over the world!



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## Fort Knox Trivia

1. Fort Knox is home to the U.S. Army Armor Branch Headquarters and the U.S. Bullion Depository, or the "Gold Vault."
2. More than \$6 billion worth of gold is stored in the Fort Knox Depository!
3. Fort Knox is so big that it is considered a certified city in Kentucky!
4. After WWI, the U.S. Army used Fort Knox to train soldiers how to drive tanks!
5. Visitors at the Fort Knox Depository can stand outside the gate and take pictures, but they are never allowed inside.
6. A single gold bar stored in Fort Knox weighs about 27.5 pounds!
7. Parts of the James Bond movie "Goldfinger" were filmed at Fort Knox.
8. Important documents like the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were stored at Fort Knox until 1944.
9. The vault door that leads to the gold at Fort Knox weighs more than 20 tons!
10. Fort Knox was named after Henry T. Knox, a general in the Revolutionary War.



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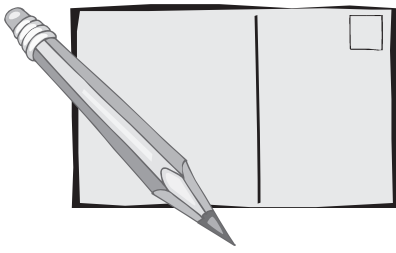
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# Fascinating Facts

## Mammoth Cave Trivia

1. Mammoth Cave is the longest cave in the world!
2. Lots of animals live in Mammoth Cave including the Kentucky cave shrimp. These cave shrimp don't have any eyes!
3. People started learning about Mammoth Cave in 1816. That makes it the second oldest tourist attraction in the United States! The oldest is Niagara Falls.
4. A man named Floyd Collins got stuck in a small tunnel in Mammoth Cave. People tried to pull him out, but they could not do it in time. Some people believe his spirit still haunts cave visitors!
5. There are 350 miles of passageways and five levels in Mammoth Cave!
6. There are about 130 different types of tiny species living in Mammoth Cave.
7. Mammoth Cave National Park was established in 1926 and has almost 53,000 acres of land. That's a big park!
8. When you visit Mammoth Cave, you'll probably see more crickets than bats!
9. The Green River is home to five types of fish that have never been found anywhere else in the world!
10. Mammoth Cave is so spectacular that it became a World Heritage site, just like the Grand Canyon and the Egyptian Pyramids!
11. You can go spelunking at Mammoth Cave! Mammoth Cave National Park offers cave tours just for kids like you.
12. The temperature inside Mammoth Cave stays at 54 degrees all year long!
13. Native Americans lived in Mammoth Cave for many years before explorers found it in 1799.





# Post It!

You may have noticed that the word “post” is used in many different ways in *Dear Bats, The Creepy Cave Mystery*. Here’s your chance to have some fun with the word “post.”

1. Find a dictionary.
2. Find as many uses for “post” as you can.
3. Write each word and its definition.



## Example:

postcard      a small, printed card, usually having a picture on one side and space for a printed message on the other

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# Know your SAT Words!

Mystery Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## SAT Words



1. elude \_\_\_\_\_
2. negligent \_\_\_\_\_
3. harrowing \_\_\_\_\_
4. embellish \_\_\_\_\_
5. oblivious \_\_\_\_\_

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

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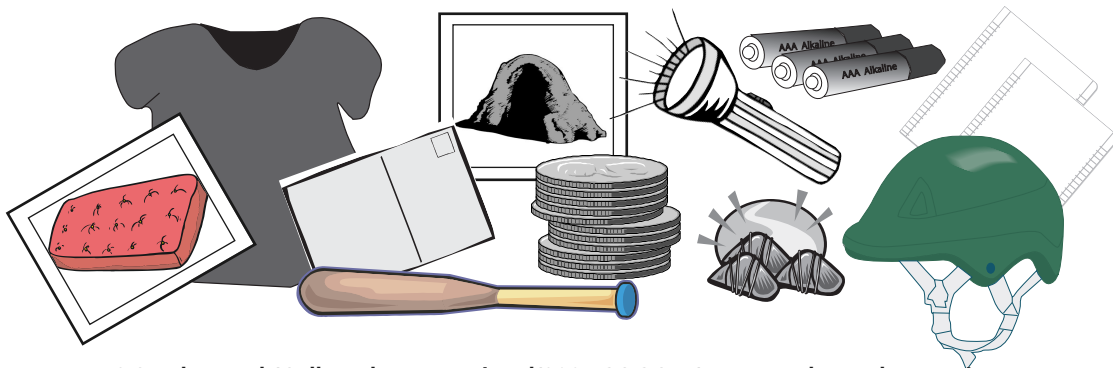
# THE CREEPY CAVE CAPER

# SCAVENGER HUNT



Want to have some fun? Let's go on a scavenger hunt! See if you can find the items below. (Teachers: You have permission to reproduce this form for your students.)

1. \_\_\_ a black T-shirt or sheet (so you'll have a vampire cape!)
2. \_\_\_ a baseball bat or a baton
3. \_\_\_ a picture of a cave
4. \_\_\_ a picture of a mattress (maybe it will even be stuffed with gold!)
5. \_\_\_ a postcard
6. \_\_\_ a helmet (for spelunking!)
7. \_\_\_ three "gold" pennies (your own treasure!)
8. \_\_\_ some cool rocks!
9. \_\_\_ a flashlight and some batteries
10. \_\_\_ two pieces of paper (when you shake them it sounds like flying bats!)



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### TALK ABOUT IT!

1. Who was your favorite character? Why?
2. What was the scariest part of the book? Why?
3. Would you like to go spelunking? Why or why not?
4. Why do you think Peter thought the gold at Fort Knox should be stored in a bank instead of a secret vault? Discuss some reasons for saving money.
5. Piper knew that Segura was an American Indian because of her unusual name and pigtails. What is the difference between respecting other cultures and judging someone by their appearance?
6. If you found a treasure, how would you use it?
7. Peter said that vampire bats do not normally bite humans. Does this change your mind about bats being scary? Why or why not?
8. What was the funniest part of the book? Why?



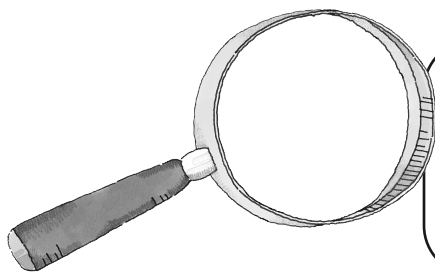
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# Word Search

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## Word Bank



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| GOLD       | KENTUCKY | BELFRY  |
| CAVERN     | RIDDLE   | VAMPIRE |
| STALAGMITE | INDIAN   | TUNNEL  |
| BATTINA    | VAULT    | GUANO   |