

Online Book Club

The Mystery at Yellowstone National Park

Bring It To Life!

1. Chart a Course! Go online and get a map of Yellowstone National Park. Select someone to draw a poster board-sized map of the area. Have each member choose a place they want to see. Collect pictures and a description of each place and plan a trip and paste them to the map. Give each member a turn to describe what their place looks like using the five senses (sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell). Be sure to include what kind of natural wonders and wildlife might be seen there. If there are any special tips for staying safe in that area.
2. Write down the names of all of the characters in the mystery on slips of paper. Fold the slips. Ask each book member to draw a slip of paper. Each member should then answer the following questions as if they were the character they drew. What part of the story is your favorite and why? What makes you so important to the story?
3. Make an animal exhibit. Brainstorm a list of animals that you might find in Yellowstone. Make a miniature model of a place in Yellowstone and place these animals in it.
4. Brainstorm ideas about what makes Yellowstone such a wonderful place to vacation. Have the members of the book club split into teams and create video commercials to get people to come to Yellowstone.



Online Quiz

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Pop Quiz

1. Why is Old Faithful named Old Faithful?
 - a. because people who get married there have long happy marriages
 - b. because the time between eruptions is so predictable
 - c. because it was a gathering place for an early church
2. What happens to Papa's pants?
 - a. they are torn on a treelimb
 - b. the steam from a geyser causes the wrinkles to fall out
 - c. the seat gets eaten away by acid
3. Yellowstone is located in a bowl-shaped area called a:
 - a. caldera
 - b. crater
 - c. hot bowl
4. Whose ghost is in the Old Faithful Inn?
 - a. a Shoshone maiden
 - b. great-great-Grandfather James
 - c. Robert Reamer
5. Why do the Fountain Painted Mudpots smell so bad?
 - a. there are bison patties all around them
 - b. bacteria and mold grow in the pots
 - c. they give off hydrogen sulfide gas
6. What happened to the Petrified Trees in Yellowstone?
 - a. they were covered by ash in a volcanic eruption
 - b. they got scared and died
 - c. they got turned to stone as geysers sprayed minerals on them
7. What is the Continental Divide?
 - a. a big ditch that divides North America exactly in half
 - b. a ridge in the Rockies that separates the rivers flowing into the Atlantic Ocean and the rivers flowing into the Pacific Ocean
 - c. a new way to do math
8. How does Grant get the bear away from Christina near Old Faithful?
 - a. he throws bison chips at the bear
 - b. he lies flat and still until the bear goes away
 - c. he pretends to be a moose



Know your SAT Words!

Mystery Name: The Mystery In Yellowstone National Park

SAT Words



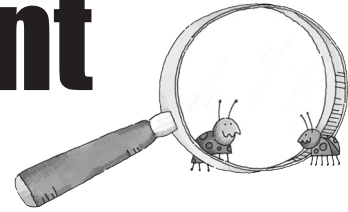
1. Tolerate: _____
2. Specialize: _____
3. Menace: _____
4. Simultaneous: _____
5. Continuous: _____

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



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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 snowmobile

2. ____ A hot magma

3. ____ Bison

4. ____ A red parka

5. ____ Old Faithful

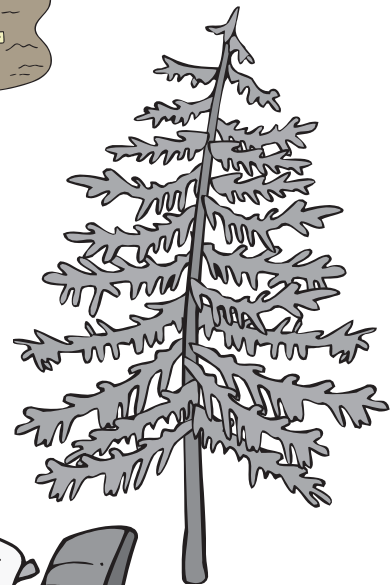
6. ____ West Thumb Geyser Basin

7. ____ Fountain Paint Pots

8. ____ Lodgepole pines

9. ____ A park ranger

10. ____ A coyote



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Talk About It!

1. If you could only see one spot in Yellowstone, what would it be? Why?
2. How does Gunny's story about his great-great-grandfather make you feel? How does it create a sense of danger and mystery in the story?
3. What is your favorite part of the mystery? Why?
4. How did having the snowmobile in this story make the book more exciting?
5. Would you eat bison burger? Why or why not? What would you put on it?
6. Why is does Grant react so dramatically to the Fountain Paint Pot?
7. List several reasons someone might like to live in Yellowstone. List several reasons why someone might not. Tell whether you would want to live there and why?
8. How can visitors to Yellowstone help keep it preserved for future generations?
9. Do you think the pocket watch is valuable? Why or why not?
10. What was the scariest part of the story? How would you have reacted if you had been there?

