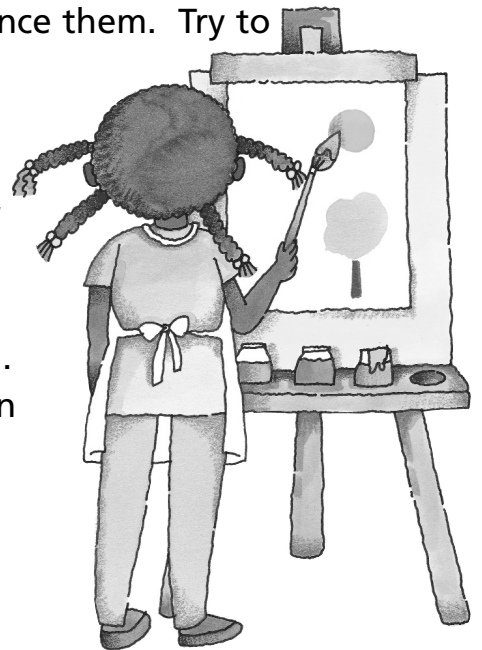


Online Book Club

The Mystery in the Smoky Mountains

Bring It To Life!

1. Create your own quilt! Draw pictures or color patterns on 6 to 8 square pieces of paper. When the pictures are complete, arrange the pieces of paper in the order you want them to appear on the quilt. Staple or tape the pieces of paper together to form the completed quilt!
2. Find a map of the Great Smoky Mountains. On the map, identify the following places visited in the story: Asheville, NC; Skyline Drive; Cherokee, NC; Blue Ridge Parkway; Cade's Cove; Laurel Falls; Clingman's Dome; Mount LeConte.
3. Create a mural of the Smoky Mountains' flora and fauna! On a large piece of craft paper or poster board, draw pictures of animals, trees, and plants found in the Smoky Mountains. Label each picture.
4. The Cherokee language is very different from the English language. Look up several Cherokee words and learn to spell and pronounce them. Try to write two or three sentences using Cherokee words.
5. Along with two or three friends, create your own legend. One person starts a tale and stops after a few sentences. The next person continues the thread and stops, allowing the third person to pick up the story. Continue in order until the story comes to a resolution. Tape record or write down your new legend so you can share with others!



Online Quiz

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Pop Quiz

1. The smoke Christina sees rising off the Smoky Mountains is caused by:
 - a. fire
 - b. hot and cold air mixing together
 - c. smoke machine
2. Carter tells the kids a legend about an enchanted _____.
 - a. tree
 - b. mountain
 - c. lake
3. What contribution did Sequoyah make to the Cherokee Indians?
 - a. created the Cherokee alphabet
 - b. founded the town of Cherokee
 - c. made cornpone for Cherokee people
4. What event wakes the kids in fear at the Walker's house?
 - a. shivaree
 - b. jamboree
 - c. mystery
5. Apiarist is the scientific term for what?
 - a. librarian
 - b. fiddler
 - c. beekeeper
6. What is the highest peak in the Great Smoky Mountains?
 - a. Clingman's Dome
 - b. Mount Leconte
 - c. Laurel Falls



Know your SAT Words!

The Mystery in the Smoky Mountains

SAT Words



1. Ally: _____

2. Probe: _____

3. Tranquil: _____

4. Vale: _____

5. Vista: _____

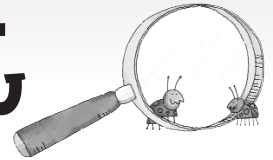
Write a sensational sentence using all five SAT Words from this mystery.



Online Activity

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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 log cabin
2. ____ autumn-colored leaves
3. ____ smoke rising from the mountains
4. ____ cornpone
5. ____ Cherokee words
6. ____ moonshine still
7. ____ black bear
8. ____ fiddle
9. ____ frosted pumpkin
10. ____ quilt



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Talk About It!

1. How do the Smoky Mountains look different in the autumn than they do in the summer? Winter? Spring?
2. Discuss the definition of a legend. Do you know any legends? Share some with your book club or class.
3. Why do you think there is a statue of Sequoyah in the town of Cherokee? Why was he so important to the Cherokee people?
4. When talking about games children play in the mountains, Mimi says that mountain life is different from city life. In what ways are those lifestyles different?
5. Grant and Christina have a huge dinner at the Walker's house. Which parts of the dinner are traditional to the Smoky Mountain region? Have you ever had any traditional mountain food? Did you like it? Why or why not?
6. What part of a trip through Cade's Cove would you like more: visiting the old houses and barns or watching the wildlife? Explain your answer.
7. What do you think a Smoky Mountain park ranger does on the job?
8. Do you think Grant and Christina were scared of the bees in the apiarist's hives? Have you ever faced something that frightened you, and conquered your fear?
9. Why was it so scary for Christina to go on the night hike with Wilbur and the others?
10. Do you think Christina, Grant, and Elizabeth were disappointed not to find the enchanted lake at Clingman's Dome? Who do you think left the clues for them to find?

