

Non-Fiction Article

{The Mystery of Oak Island}

PDF & Digital Editions

RESOURCE INCLUDES

- ☐ Lesson Plan
- ☐ Teacher Instructions
- ☐ Individual PDFs for Google Drive
- ☐ Google Slides for 1:1 Schools
- ☐ Audio file of the article
- ☐ Pre-reading K-W-L chart
- ☐ Non-fiction article (modified and regular levels)
- ☐ 3 Post reading activities
 - ✓ Comprehension questions
 - ✓ Grammar questions
 - ✓ Long response writing



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Middle School Teaching Resources



EXAMPLE PAGES

THE MYSTERY OF OAK ISLAND

What is Oak Island?

Oak Island is one of more than 300 islands in Mahone Bay, located off the coast of Nova Scotia in eastern Canada. It's rumored that treasure from famous pirates is buried on the small island.

Even though people have been searching for the treasure for more than 200 years, it has never been found.

The mystery is so intriguing that The History Channel created a TV show called "The Curse of Oak Island."

The Legend

As the story goes, in 1795 an old pirate from the ship of Captain William Kidd told a 16-year-old young man in Nova Scotia that the island was a hiding spot for pirate treasure.

At first, no one believed the story about the treasure, but the young boy (Daniel McGinnis) searched for it with a couple of friends and they found a deep hole on the island. The hole revealed shovel marks and after digging some, they found platforms of rotting oak logs.

Map of Atlantic Canada
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR



The spot was nicknamed "The Money Pit" because it was hoped there would be a treasure at the bottom of it.

McGinnis and his friends initially dug down 9 meters (almost 30 feet) and then gave up. Several years later, in 1804, they came back and dug down 30 meters (almost 100 feet), but then the shaft filled up with salt water.

McGinnis thought this was a trap set by the pirates. Later, it was thought that there might be tunnels connecting "the money pit" to the Atlantic Ocean.

K-W-L CHART

Topic: _____

K	W	L
What do I already know about this topic?	What do I want to know about this topic?	What new things did I learn about this topic from the article?

ANSWERS

Name: _____

Instructions: Answer the following questions on this paper.

- What does excavate mean?
 - To fill in an old cave.
 - To escape.
 - To search underground.
 - To hide something.
- Which group of refugees do some people believe the buried treasure came from?
 - Inca
 - Maya
 - Spanish conquistadors
 - Aztec
- Why did the author include a map of Atlantic Canada?
 - To teach readers where New Brunswick is located.
 - To add colour and interest to the article.
 - To take up space on the page.
 - To indicate the general location of Oak Island to readers.
- Which sentence has the correct spelling and punctuation?
 - Maybe someday there will be answers about whether there really is buried treasure on Oak Island.
 - May be some day there will be answers about whether there really is buried treasure on Oak Island.
 - Maybe someday there will be answers about whether there really is buried treasure on Oak Island.
 - Maybe someday, there will be answers about whether there really is buried treasure on oak island.

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PREVIEW

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3. Why did the author include a map of Atlantic Canada?
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 - B. To show our own interest to the area.
 - C. To tie up the loose ends of the story.
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