

Non-Fiction Article

{The Mystery of the Bermuda Triangle}



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Middle School Teaching Resources



RESOURCE INCLUDES

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

EXAMPLE PAGES

LESSON PLAN



Bermuda Triangle

Lesson Overview:

Students will work on their non-fiction reading skills while reading this article.

Materials Needed:

Photocopy a class set of the following, or use the provided Google Slides version for 1:1 technology schools:

- K-W-L Chart
- Non-fiction article: regular or modified version (audio file also included)
- Comprehension questions: regular or modified version
- Thinking questions (select 1)
- Grammar questions (also available as a self-marking Google Forms Quiz)

Video

- Video #1 [Bermuda Triangle: what happened to Flight 19? - BBC](#)
- Video #2 [Bermuda Triangle Mysteries: Supernatural Or Science? - TODAY](#)

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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?

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BERMUDA TRIANGLE

The Bermuda Triangle is a body of water that is located in the Atlantic Ocean where ships and aircrafts, along with their passengers, mysteriously disappear.

The Bermuda Triangle has been a mystery since the mid-19th century. The three corners that make up the triangular shape of the Bermuda Triangle are the countries of Bermuda and Puerto Rico, and the city of Miami (in Florida). It is also one of the most travelled areas in the ocean.

Theories

There are several theories about the Bermuda Triangle. One of the more popular is the rogue wave theory. A rogue wave is a large wave that can reach up to 100 feet high. These waves can be found in the Bermuda Triangle and are strong enough to completely demolish a ship or plane, leaving no trace behind.

Another popular theory states that pilots may have forgotten about the agonic line. The agonic line is an imaginary line that passes through the Bermuda Triangle and causes compass malfunctions due to magnetic interference. Some theorists believe that pilots travelling through the Bermuda Triangle veered off course due to the agonic line and never returned.



Map of Bermuda Triangle

Other theorists believe that many ships and aircraft have disappeared due to poor weather conditions that were misreported as clear weather. Remnants of some of these missing ships have been found and experts have discovered the causes of these disappearances.

Famous Disappearances

In 1918, the USS Cyclops (a Navy cargo ship) disappeared while traveling in the Bermuda Triangle. Over 300 men and 10,000 tons of manganese ore were on board when the ship disappeared.

It is unknown why the ship never sent out a distress signal. It was one of the first ships connected to the Bermuda Triangle mysteries.

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