


LEGENDS

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The Chupacabra: A Modern Legend

What would you think if you saw a hideous alien walking by your window? That is exactly what Madelyne Tolentino said she saw one night in 1995 in Canovanas, Puerto Rico. After the sighting, her story spread quickly on the internet. Soon after, there were numerous sightings from the island of Puerto Rico to the southwestern United States.



The Search for El Dorado

er wanted to find a buried treasure? That is what the Europeans wanted when America. After hearing many stories about native tribes who lived in cities made there to find them and strike it rich.

means "Golden One" in Spanish, but it doesn't refer to a city. Instead, it describes a to legend, the Muisca people of Colombia had a special ceremony. Before they ig, they would cover him with gold dust and send him on a raft in the middle of the am there, he would toss jewels and tokens made of gold into the river as an n god. His people would watch along the edges and throw their gold in the lake, too.

have the same precious value ropeans. Nor did they have it traded for gold and used it to ein rituals. When the ed the natives, they hoped to of gold. Although they tried,



This map from 1635, showing the route to El Dorado proved to be false.

ans did find some gold pie was not as much as they expected. Instead, they le. German explorers were att and killed by the natives. Spanish explorers ves and got their gold but had to fight the British over it. The famous British explorer was beheaded by the King of England to ending the conflict with the Spanish.

ise, some legends come from the hope to get rich from wanting what others not careful, that greed can lead to harm.

there is an El Dorado hidden somewhere?

THIN ICE
BY SAM WICKSTROM

WINTER BREAK AT SNOWFALL CANYON LODGE

and then from the trees came a huge, white beast! I was so scared, I hid into a tree!

By your really believe that story, Alan?

Of no doubt, I think this is real.

Should we go ahead if out for our safety?

I don't think anyone else will. Quick, let's go while there's still snow!

We'll be there in no time!

THE COAST IS CLEAR! Grab the keys, Jacques.

What are we even going to do if we find it?

Let's head out!

In that a house?

My name is Jacques. You're just too late. You would have to stay for dinner. I made spaghetti. It's a little spicy.

AN HOUR LATER

That was amazing, thank you!

It's what you eat here and there are more!

Looking for you. We were at the lodge and heard nothing.

THE END

LEGENDS

Legends are traditional stories that are unauthenticated. They are usually very old. Legends are often passed on by word-of-mouth. They are very similar to myths, but myths try to explain what happens in the world.

CHARACTERS

Everyday people, cultural hero, and exaggerated character



Abominable Snowman



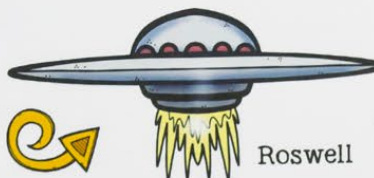
Bigfoot



Loch Ness Monster

SETTING

nature, long ago, historical time or event



Roswell

ENDING

explains where something came from or how it began, or teaches a lesson.

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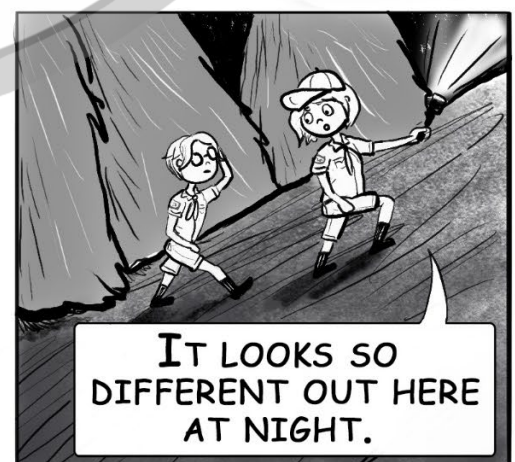
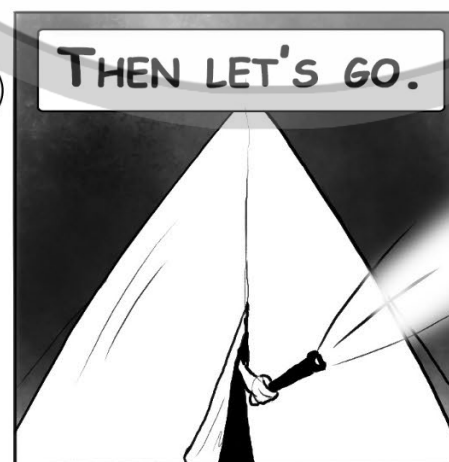
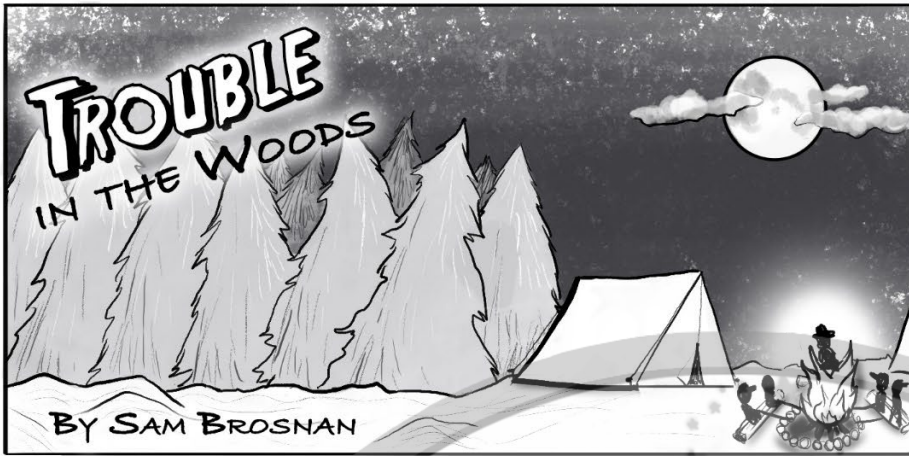


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4th-5th grade

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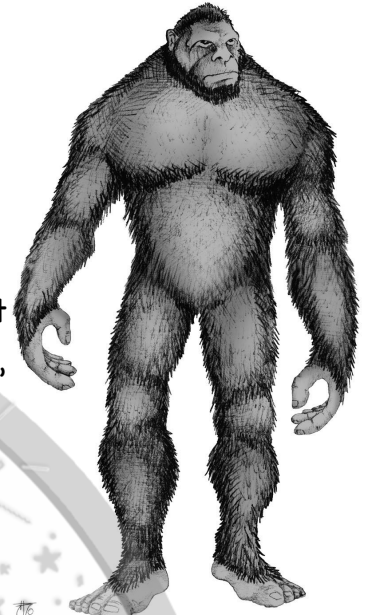




The Legend of Bigfoot

Where does the Legend of Bigfoot Come From?

All over the world, for many generations, there have been stories told about a giant, wild man who lives in the forest. The Native Americans called him Sasquatch. In Asia, he is known as the Yeti. The first report of Bigfoot in the United States came from a newspaper in northern California in 1958. It reported that some loggers in the woods had discovered 16-inch footprints that looked like they came from a giant man. Although they never saw the creature, they named him Bigfoot.



A Popular Legend

From then on, Bigfoot became a national sensation. If something bad happened, like someone disappearing in the woods, they would say that Bigfoot did it. Any time something happened that could not be explained, they blamed it on this mysterious creature. On the other hand, some people said that he was just a big, harmless man who was traveling through the wilderness. Others claimed that he protected the forest and helped hikers who got lost. In any case, the stories made people very curious and they wanted to see the legendary monster for themselves.

As a result, a popular TV show offered a \$1,000 reward to anyone who could prove Bigfoot was real. The contest inspired many Bigfoot Hunters who tried to find evidence that he existed. People took photographs of mysterious tracks and dark figures. A one-minute video came out that claimed to show a giant, dark creature walking along a creek, but it was very blurry and hard to see well.

Science or Fiction?

However, in 2002, evidence came out that Bigfoot was a hoax. The family of Ray Wallace, who was of one of the loggers who first found evidence of Bigfoot back in 1958, admitted that he had carved giant wooden feet to make fake footprints. Still, people like to believe in Bigfoot. On Labor Day, one town in California has a Bigfoot Daze celebration where impersonators dress up like him and stomp through the streets.

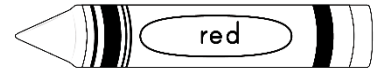
There continues to be thousands of eyewitness accounts. There is even a museum dedicated to Bigfoot. Even Jane Goodall, a well-known and respected scientist of chimpanzees, believes that an ape-like man exists.

What do you think? Do you think Bigfoot is a wild man, a big animal, or a hoax?

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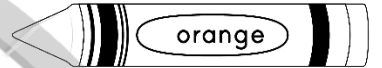
Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color shown.

1. What did Jesse and Oliver hear when they were walking in the woods?



- a. An owl hooting in a tree.
- b. A bat screeching in the sky.
- c. Bigfoot walking in the forest.
- d. A man yelling in the forest.

2. When Oliver says to Jesse, "You don't really believe that bologna, do you?" what does "bologna" mean?



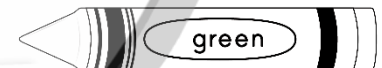
- a. A type of sausage
- b. A made-up story
- c. A newspaper article
- d. A fact in history

3. According to the article "The Legend of Bigfoot", some people thought Bigfoot was dangerous and some thought he was harmless. In the comic story "Trouble in the Woods", what does the author want you to think about Bigfoot?



- a. Bigfoot is a dangerous monster.
- b. Bigfoot is a big animal.
- c. Bigfoot helps people.
- d. Bigfoot is not real.

4. In 2002, evidence came out that Bigfoot was a hoax. Which sentence from the text explains what "hoax" means?



- a. There continue to be thousands of eyewitness accounts.
- b. He had carved giant wooden feet to make fake footprints.
- c. Impersonators dress up like him and stomp through the streets.
- d. Jane Goodall believes the ape-like man exists.

5. Do you think Bigfoot is a wild man, a big animal, or a hoax? Explain why or why not.

I think Bigfoot is a _____ because the article says...



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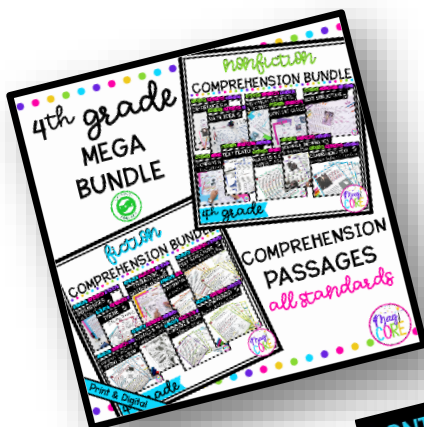


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