

ANCIENT MAYANS / THE SOLAR SYSTEM

Anchor Literature

Start-to-Finish novel
The Secret of Old Mexico

Book Summary

There is a secret that has been hidden in Mexico for more than 1,000 years. The characters will have to get past snakes, deadly poison, and a man named Hector.

Author's Intention

Embed facts about the Mexican and Mayan cultures.

INSTRUCTIONAL ELEMENTS

English Language Arts Standards

- Ask a Question
- Identify Details in the Story
- Identify Reasons Why
- Identify Words and Phrases to Describe an Event

- Match Characters and Details
- Order of Events
- Recall Details of the Story
- Same and Different
- True or False

Science Topics

Planets

Understand the distance between the sun and planets, compare and contrast Earth and Venus, and learn facts about the Sun.

Solar Systems

Discover which planets orbit the sun, learn facts about our moons and other moons, and explore Galileo's use of a telescope

Social Studies Topics

Egyptians

Compare and contrast the Egyptian Civilization to the Mayan Civilization.

Mayan Civilization | The rise and fall of the Mayan Civilization.

Text Types Taught

- Article with a Sidebar
- Biography
- Compare and Contrast
- Fantastic Facts

- Graph
- Timeline
- Two Text Types

Selected Sight Words

asked, buy, friend, get*, later, men, need*, right, think, would, your
*AAC Core Vocabulary Words

Key Vocabulary Words (Content-specific)

abandon, archaeologist, archaeology, artifact(s), astronaut(s), astronomer, astronomy, atmosphere, civilization, crater(s), day, distance, drought, empire, gravity, hieroglyphs, jaguar, meteoroids, moon, observatory, observe, oxygen, planet, poison, pottery, rainforest, reservoir, Solar System, spacecraft, spaceship, spacesuit, sun, The Milky Way, telescope, temperature, temple, tombs, toxic, universe

Instructional Terms Taught

argue / argument, article, biography, character, compare, connect / connection, contrast, describe / description, detail, events, identify, fact, graph, opinion, sidebar, statement, timeline

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FUNCTIONAL LITERACY / LIFE SKILLS

Real Life Experience Activity

Daily Living Skills

- Managing Personal Finances
- Selecting and Managing a Household
- Buying, Preparing, and Consuming Food
- Utilizing Recreational facilities and Engaging in Leisure

Self-Determination and Interpersonal Skills

- Being Self-Aware
- Communicating with Others

Employment Skills

- Knowing and Exploring Employment Possibilities
- Exploring Employment Choices
- Exhibiting Appropriate Employment Skills

