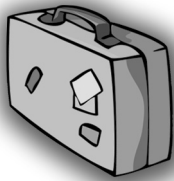




The Mystery at
Hollywood



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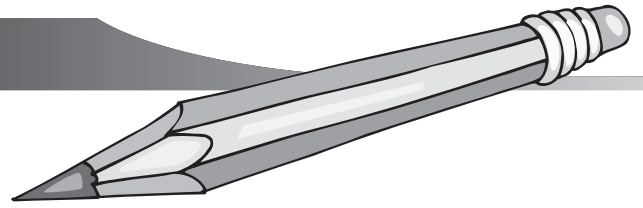
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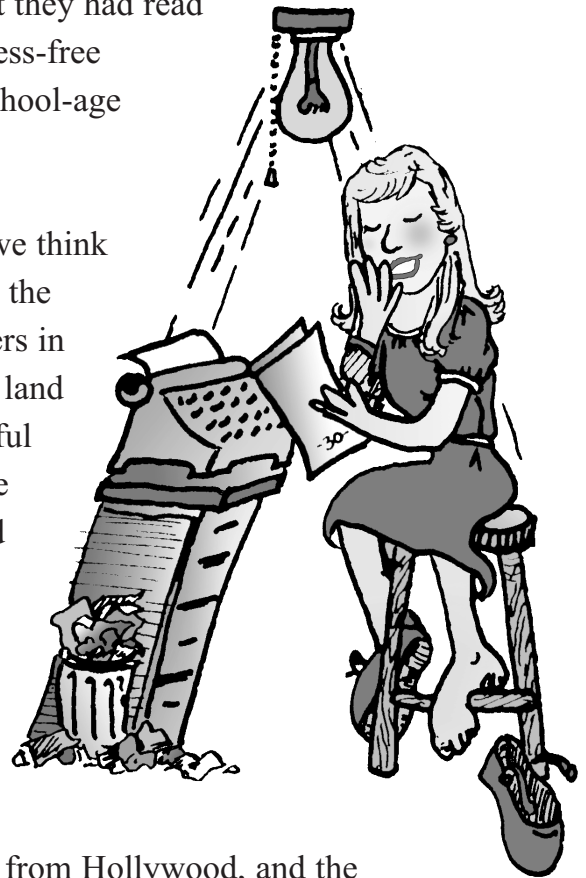




Dear Teacher,

In 1979, I began writing children’s mysteries set at historic sites that still existed—primarily so that kids could go and see what they had read about. Frankly, I found no more fun, educational, and stress-free (actually, just plain joyful!) activity to do with my then school-age children than to visit a fascinating historic site!

Hollywood is not a typical historic site, but when we think about the history of the movie industry and pop culture in the U.S., there’s no better place to visit! The first white settlers in what is now Hollywood were farmers, but soon visionary land developers and then moviemakers realized that the beautiful California geography and climate created the perfect place to live and work. Before long, American ingenuity turned this small area into a place that is famous around the world. From silent movies to today’s blockbuster action hits, America’s gigantic movie industry started in an old horse barn converted into a movie studio in Hollywood!



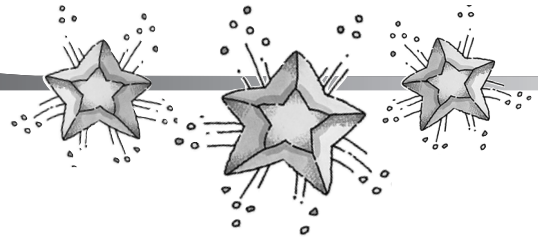
Then, when you add the astounding prehistoric history at La Brea Tar Pits, just down the road from Hollywood, and the glamour of Rodeo Drive shopping and celebrity watching, you’ve got quite a fun and unique contrast!

I love getting letters from teachers and parents who say they read the book with their class or child, then visited the historic site and saw all the places in the mystery for themselves. What’s so great about that? Everything! Reading and going and seeing and doing is what education is all about. And sometimes, a carefree vacation trip might be the spark that leads to a lifelong interest in an era, a place, or a people.

So, put on your big, dark sunglasses and step out onto Hollywood Boulevard. This is Tinseltown, after all, and you’ll have the time of your life!

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Page #	Subject	<u>EXPLORE!</u>
11	Geography	Papa lands the plane in Burbank, California, near the southern base of the San Gabriel Mountains. This range of mountains, which was formed by earthquake movements along the great San Andreas Fault, forms a barrier between the greater Los Angeles area and the Mojave Desert. The highest peak in the range is Mount San Antonio, commonly called Mt. Baldy.
11	People	Bob Hope Airport in Burbank, California, is named after the comedian and movie actor, Bob Hope (1903-2003). It is closer to Hollywood than the larger Los Angeles International Airport.
12	Vocabulary	Mimi calls Papa an “ace pilot.” An <i>ace</i> is someone who excels at a particular sport or other activity. Historically, an ace pilot is a pilot who has shot down enemy aircraft, especially in World War I or World War II.
12	Geography	California is a state in the western United States and the third largest state in the United States. It has a diverse geography: the Pacific Ocean along its western coastline, the Sierra Nevada Mountains in the east, the Mojave Desert areas in the southeast, and redwood forests in the northwest.
12	Climate	California has what is called a Mediterranean climate, meaning it has cool, rainy winters and dry summers. The cool currents of the Pacific Ocean create summer fog near the California coast.
12	Climate	Grant calls them the “Santawins,” but no one knows why the “Santa Ana winds” are named so. They could be named after California’s Santa Ana Mountains, the Santa Ana River, or Santa Ana Canyon, along which the winds are particularly strong. In Spanish California history, it is said they were referred to as “devil winds.”
14	Geography	Hollywood is not a town. It is a neighborhood within the Los Angeles city limits. Because it is so well known as the historical center of movie studios and movie stars, some people use the word “Hollywood” to refer to the American cinema in general. Sometimes Hollywood is called Tinseltown. What do you think of when you hear “Hollywood?”

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- 15 Pop Culture Oscar is the nickname for the gold statuette given out as Academy Awards. The 13.5" tall, 8.5 lb. statue depicts an Art Deco style knight holding a crusader's sword and standing on a reel of film with five spokes that represent the original branches of the Academy: Actors, Writers, Directors, Producers, and Technicians.
- 15 Pop Culture At formal functions, a long, narrow red carpet is often laid on the ground for distinguished visitors to walk on when they arrive. Traditionally, celebrities walk down a red carpet when arriving at movie premieres, the Academy Awards, and other award ceremonies.
- 15 Music The song "Hooray for Hollywood" was first featured in the 1937 film, *Hollywood Hotel*. The lyrics, which have been updated over the years, refer to the American movie industry and satirize people's desire to become famous actors.
- 16 Movies The movie *Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark* (1981) starred Harrison Ford.
- 16 Movies The movie *Giant* (1956), based on the book by Edna Ferber, starred Elizabeth Taylor, Rock Hudson, and James Dean.
- 19 Geography Earthquakes are common in California due to its location along the Pacific Ring of Fire, an area where large numbers of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions occur in the basin of the Pacific Ocean.
- 19 Vocabulary To *vibrate* means to move or cause to move continuously and rapidly to and fro.
- 20 Prehistoric History A mammoth is a large, extinct elephant of the Pleistocene era, which lasted from 1,640,000 to about 10,000 years ago. It was typically hairy with a sloping back and long curved tusks.
- 20 Vocabulary A *fossil* is the remains, or an impression, of a plant or animal that existed in a past geological age and that has been excavated from the soil.
- 20 Prehistoric History A mastodon is a large, extinct, elephant-like mammal of the Miocene (23.3 million to 5.2 million years ago) to Pleistocene eras. Mastodons were not as tall as their mammoth relatives, and had shorter and thicker legs.

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- 21 Prehistoric History A ground sloth is an extinct terrestrial edentate (meaning it is distinguished by the lack of incisor and canine teeth) mammal of the Cenozoic era (lasting from 65 million years ago to the present day) in America. Typically, it is very large in size.
- 21 Vocabulary In California, toll-free express highways are called *freeways*.
- 21 Vocabulary *Prehistoric* relates to the period in time before written records.
- 22 Vocabulary Kate Butler excavates the site at the La Brea Tar Pits. To *excavate* means to carefully and systematically remove earth from an area in order to find the buried remains of animals and plants.
- 22 Biology An organism is an individual animal, plant, or single-celled life form.
- 23 Prehistoric History The Ice Age refers to a period in the earth’s history when polar and mountain ice sheets covered much of the earth’s surface.
- 23 Vocabulary A *homicide* is a deliberate and unlawful killing, or murder, of one person by another.
- 25 Vocabulary A *rhinestone* is an imitation diamond used in costume jewelry and to decorate clothes. Do you have any clothes with rhinestones on them?
- 25 Vocabulary The kids found a clue written on *parchment*. Parchment is a type of stiff translucent paper. Have you ever seen parchment paper?
- 26 Figure of Speech The clue says, “Please return it so I can rest in peace.” What does “rest in peace” mean? What does it imply about the person who wrote the note? What other way can this be written? (R.I.P.)
- 27 People Charlie Chaplin (1889-1977) directed and starred in silent film comedies. He mostly played a tramp wearing a black bowler hat. This character was his trademark for more than 25 years.
- 28 Art Papa admired the hotel’s stenciled ceiling. Stenciling is the design produced by applying ink or paint through the holes of a thin sheet of cardboard, plastic, or metal pattern.
- 29 Pop Culture Grant showed everyone his name embroidered on a director’s chair. Why is a director’s chair a symbol of Hollywood?

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- 30 Agriculture A popular crop in California, avocados are pear-shaped fruits with rough, dark green, leathery skin; smooth, edible, light yellow-green colored flesh; and a large seed pit in the center.
- 30 Agriculture Virtually 100 percent of all artichokes grown in the United States come from California. Nearly two-thirds of the state’s crop comes from the fields surrounding Castroville on the central coast. The plant grows on a tall stalk and has a large, thistle-like flowerhead. The vegetable that we eat is really the plant’s immature flower bud—the heart and the fleshy base of the bracts.
- 30 Agriculture Garlic is a strong-smelling, pungent-tasting bulb, used as flavoring in cooking and as herbal medicine. Much of California’s garlic is grown around the town of Gilroy, just south of San Francisco.
- 32 Vocabulary Grant was *poker-faced*, meaning he had an impassive expression that hid his true feelings. Make your own poker face.
- 33 People Shirley Temple (1928 -) was a child movie star with blond curls who sang and danced. In the 1930s, she appeared in numerous movies, including *The Little Colonel* and *Bright Eyes*.
- 33 Vocabulary Elizabeth led everyone up to the hotel’s *mezzanine*. A mezzanine is the low story between two other floors in a building, typically between the ground and first floors.
- 34 Movies *Gone With the Wind* (1939) is a movie about the Civil War era based on the novel by Margaret Mitchell. It starred Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable and won the Best Picture Academy Award.
- 34 People Born in Sweden, Greta Garbo (1905-1990) was a famous actress who played in many movies. After her retirement from films in 1941, she lived as a recluse, meaning she lived a solitary life and tended to avoid other people. Why do you think she would do that after being a star?
- 34 History The first silent films were made in the late 1800s. Some of the most famous silent films were *The Birth of a Nation* (1915), *Ben-Hur* (1925), and *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* (1921). The silent film era began to fade out when the first “talking picture” was released, *The Jazz Singer*, in 1927.

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- 35 Vocabulary In the movie industry, a *premiere* is the first showing of a new feature film.
- 37 People Marilyn Monroe (1926-1962) was a model, singer, and movie star during the 1950s until she died in 1962. Some of her movies were *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* (1953), *Bus Stop* (1956), and *Some Like it Hot* (1959).
- 38 People During the 1950s, Montgomery Clift (1920-1966) was a talented actor who received four Academy Award nominations for his movie performances.
- 43 Architecture The marquee above the El Capitan Theatre fascinated Grant. A marquee is a roof-like projection over the entrance of a theater, hotel or other building. On a theater, it usually has the name of the movie being shown.
- 49 People Lucille Ball was a comedienne known for her red hair and her popular television series *I Love Lucy*, which originally ran from 1951-1955. Have you ever seen an episode of *I Love Lucy*?
- 51 Architecture Grauman’s Chinese Theatre features a giant red pagoda with a copper roof. A pagoda is a many-tiered tower with multiple eaves. This architecture is common in China and other parts of Asia, especially in places of worship. The pagoda at Grauman’s is for ornamentation, or decoration.
- 52 Buildings Grauman’s Chinese Theatre is one of the most well-known movie theaters in the world, mainly because of its legendary forecourt where movie stars imprint their handprints and footprints in cement. The theater opened in 1927 and premiered the silent movie *King of Kings*. *The Wizard of Oz* premiered there in 1939.
- 52 People John Wayne (1907-1979) was a famous actor and American icon. He starred in many classic westerns, such as *Red River* (1948), *The Searchers* (1956), and the original version of *True Grit* (1969), for which he won an Academy Award for Best Actor.
- 53 People Roy Rogers (1912-1998) was an actor and singer who was one of the original Sons of the Pioneers country singers. He starred in many “singing cowboy” westerns with his horse Trigger.

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- 58 Architecture Stone elephants sit on towering pedestals high above the courtyard of the Hollywood and Highlands Center. A pedestal is the base or support on which a statue or column is mounted.
- 63 Vocabulary Christina heard the distant *din* of Hollywood traffic. Din refers to a loud, unpleasant, and prolonged noise.
- 65 Agriculture California pistachio nuts are cultivated from trees mostly in the San Joaquin Valley north of Los Angeles. The kernels are often eaten whole, either fresh or roasted and salted.
- 73 Movie The original *Ocean's 11* was made in 1960, but the *Ocean's 11* filmed at Musso and Frank Grill is the remake made in 2001 with George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, and Julia Roberts.
- 74 Figure of Speech Christina's stomach "flip-flopped" when she saw the person in the ball cap sitting next to Grant at Musso and Frank Grill. What does this mean? How was Christina feeling?
- 75 Vocabulary The Hollywood Bowl with its bowl-shaped white shell is a Hollywood *landmark*. A landmark is an object or feature of a landscape or town easily seen and recognized from a distance.
- 75 Architecture An amphitheater is a round building, typically with no roof, with a central space for the presentation of dramatic or sporting events. Tiers of seats for spectators surround the central space.
- 79 Science A wind tunnel is an apparatus for producing a stream of air of known velocity, or speed. The wind tunnel at iFly produces enough force to lift Grant up in the air so that he can "fly."
- 84 History Paramount Studios began in 1913 in a rented horse barn near Sunset and Vine. It moved to its current location in 1926. Over the years, its sprawling backlot grew and absorbed other studios. The studio has produced silent movies, such as *The Sheik* (1921) and *Wings* (1927), the first movie to win Best Picture, and more recent hits, such as *Shrek* and *Transformers*. The studio covers an area almost as big as Disneyland. It is one of the few studios that admits visitors for regular guided tours on the backlot.
- 85 Vocabulary The kids saw a crowd of extras *milling around*. This means that they were wandering around without any express purpose. Demonstrate how you would mill around.

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- 87 Vocabulary Captain Jack Sparrow *cavorted* around the kids, meaning he jumped or danced around excitedly. How would you cavort?
- 88 Figure of Speech Christina thought that finding the next clue was like “looking for a needle in a haystack.” That expression refers to something that is almost impossible to find because it is hidden among so many other things.
- 88 Vocabulary Captain Jack Sparrow *doffed* his hat and bowed. To doff is to remove a hat as a greeting or sign of respect. What kind of motion is that? Demonstrate it.
- 89 Vocabulary *Bling* is an informal, or slang, expression referring to expensive jewelry or to something that imitates light reflecting off jewelry.
- 89 Geography Mount Hollywood is 1,100 feet above sea level. Sea level refers to the level of the sea’s surface. It is used as a base to measure the height of geographical features such as hills.
- 90 Movies *Nancy Drew* (2007) is a film loosely based on the popular series of mystery novels about a teen detective. It starred Emma Roberts as Nancy Drew and was set in Los Angeles.
- 91 People Actor James Dean (1931-1955) only made three movies before he died in a car accident. He became a cult figure closely identified with the title role of *Rebel Without a Cause* (1955). For many, he symbolized the rebellious youth of the post World War II era. His other two movies were *East of Eden* (1955) and *Giant* (1956).
- 91 Figure of Speech Christina tells Grant that maybe he will run “smack dab” into a ghost before they leave Hollywood. What does smack dab mean?
- 98 Vocabulary A *crypt* is a vault, or chamber, in a church or mausoleum used as a burial place.
- 98 Vocabulary Women *swooned* over Rudolph Valentino. This means they were infatuated by him and overwhelmed by emotion when they saw him. Who do you swoon over? How would you swoon?
- 107 Figure of Speech Grant ran “lickety-split” up the street, meaning he ran immediately, and as quickly as possible. Why did he run lickety-split?

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- 113 Movies *The Wizard of Oz* (1939) is a film based on the 1900 novel *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum. It starred Judy Garland as Dorothy and was notable for its use of special effects, Technicolor, fantasy storytelling, and unusual characters. Initially, it was a box-office failure; but now, it is one of the best-known classic films of all time.
- 113 Vocabulary A *throng* is a large, densely packed crowd of people or animals.
- 114 Vocabulary Lucy's wig sat on a *mannequin's* head. A mannequin is a dummy used to display clothes or wigs. Where do you often see mannequins?
- 119 Fashion The girl wore a trench coat. A trench coat is a loose, belted, double-breasted raincoat in a military style.
- 121 Vocabulary At first Christina thought *paparazzi* were taking photos in the wax museum. Paparazzi are freelance photographers who pursue celebrities to get photographs of them. How do paparazzi act? What do you think of them?
- 124 Vocabulary Marilyn Monroe was a Hollywood *icon*. An icon is a person or thing regarded as a representative symbol of something. Marilyn was a symbol of Hollywood. What other icons do you know?
- 125 Vocabulary The veiled lady's skirt *billowed* around her. To billow is to rise and move, as in waves. What do you imagine a billowing skirt looks like?
- 132 Vocabulary Christina searched the *signatures* in concrete. A signature is the distinctive way a person writes his/her name on a check or document, or at the end of a letter. Write your signature.
- 132 Emotion Christina's heart was pounding. What were some of the things going on around her that contributed to this? What thoughts do you think were running through her head?
- 132 Vocabulary *Chaos* is complete disorder and confusion. Have you ever been in chaos? What caused it?
- 132 Behavior When Mimi, Papa, and Elizabeth arrived at the scene, their worried looks changed to bewilderment. What does that mean?

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- 134 Emotion Kate said her grandma loved Marilyn Monroe and had seen all of her movies. What do we call a person who idolizes a celebrity? Are you a fan of any celebrity?
- 135 Vocabulary Grant did not know the word *sleuthing*. Do you? It means to carry out a search or investigate something in the way a detective would. Who were the sleuths in the mystery?
- 138 Figure of Speech Christina said that Kate wanted to grant her grandma's wish. What does "grant a wish" mean? What was Kate's grandma's wish?

Discussion Questions

1. As soon as Papa, Mimi, Christina, and Grant step off the Mystery Girl in California, an earthquake occurs. What role do earthquakes play in the story? How does the possibility of an earthquake affect Grant? How does an earthquake affect Christina's ability to solve the mystery of the stolen rhinestone?
2. The Santa Ana winds that blow through Southern California are a climate and geographical phenomenon that are part of California living. Discuss how the Santa Ana winds blow. Describe what the sky and air are like with the winds and without.
3. After reading about the La Brea Tar Pits, what do you think Hollywood and the rest of Southern California was like hundreds of thousands of years ago? Compare and contrast it with today's Hollywood.
4. Kate Butler is a paleontologist who spends her day excavating and cataloguing fossils of prehistoric animals. Her grandmother was a fan obsessed with Marilyn Monroe who dug up a rhinestone that Marilyn had "buried" in cement. How are the two women alike? How are they different? How do you think Kate felt about her grandmother? Why do you have that opinion?
5. Discuss the heyday, or the Golden Age, of Hollywood. Think about what Elizabeth Reyes says about old Hollywood. What was it like during the Golden Age? How is it different now? What is being done to bring back some of the glamour of old Hollywood? Think about the restoration that Miguel Reyes talks about. How does restoring old buildings help to restore Hollywood's glamour?
6. Pop culture is defined as commercial culture based on popular taste. How is Hollywood the epitome, or the perfect example, of pop culture? How does Hollywood give the public what they want? Think about movies, movie stars, Rodeo Drive, Hollywood home tours, and the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Bonus Info!

"Hooray for Hollywood"

Hooray for Hollywood!
That screwy, ballyhooley
Hollywood!
Where any office boy
Or young mechanic
Can be a panic
With just a good-looking
pan
And any barmaid
Can be a star maid
If she dances with or
without a fan
Hooray for Hollywood!
Where you're terrific
If you're even good
Where anyone at all from
Shirley Temple
To Aimee Semple
Is equally understood
Come on and try your luck
You could be Donald Duck
Hooray for Hollywood!

Hooray for Hollywood!
That phony, super Coney,
Hollywood
They come from
Chilicothes and
Padukahs
With their bazookas
To see their names up in
lights
All armed with photos
From local rotos
With their hair in curlers
And legs in tights
Hooray for Hollywood!
You may be homely in
your neighborhood
Still, if you think that you
can be an actor
See Mister Factor
He'd make a monkey look
good
Within a half an hour
You'll look like Tyrone Power
Hooray for Hollywood!

Geography: Find It!

1. Find California on a map of the United States. Now, find Hollywood. Find your location on the map. Plan a trip to Hollywood. How will you get there? Use a highlighter to trace your journey. How many miles will you have to travel?
2. Hollywood is not a town. It's a relatively small neighborhood in Los Angeles. Using the Internet, Google "Hollywood and Highland" and then click on the Google Map. The red pin will be located at the intersection of Hollywood Boulevard and N. Highland Avenue.

Look along Hollywood Boulevard from left to right. You will be surprised at how many of the locations that Christina and Grant visited are labeled on the Google Map.

Zoom in a little to easily find the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, Grauman's Chinese Theatre, the El Capitan Theatre, the Kodak Theatre, and Musso and Frank Grill.

With your cursor, move the map up a little and see if you can find Paramount Studios (Hint: It sits on the northeast corner of N. Gower Street and Melrose Avenue). Once you've found it, move the cursor straight down a little until you see the hilly terrain of the Hollywood Hills area. See if you can find the Hollywood Bowl, the Griffith Observatory, and even the Hollywood Sign! They are all labeled.

Click on the little orange man icon on the Google Map to get a street view of Hollywood Boulevard and Highland Avenue. Move your cursor to get the 360-degree view. You should easily be able to spot the Ripley's Museum, Mel's Diner, and the Hollywood Museum. Look carefully at the sidewalk to locate the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Zoom out of the street view and go to any other point on the map.

Drag the orange man down to any place where you want a street view of Hollywood, or click on any of the photos that Google Maps places in the sidebar of the map. Now, you've toured Hollywood!

Bonus Info!

California Earthquake Facts

- First known earthquake – 1680 Earthquake occurred along the Southern San Andreas Fault; 7.7 or 7.8 magnitude
- Earliest reported earthquake felt in California – 1769 Portolá Expedition Earthquake; 6.5-7.0 magnitude; exploring expedition of Gaspar de Portolá felt the quake while camping about 30 miles southeast of Los Angeles
- Largest recorded earthquake – 1857 Fort Tejon Earthquake; 8.0 magnitude
- Most destructive earthquake – 1906 San Francisco Earthquake; 7.9 magnitude; 3,000 people perished in the earthquake and fires that followed
- Most destructive of more recent earthquakes – 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake (6.9 magnitude); 1995 Northridge Earthquake (6.7 magnitude); both earthquakes caused widespread damage and deaths

Mathematics: Calculate It!

1. Grant counted the snacks in the refrigerator at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. There were 2 boxes of truffles, 3 bags of cashews, 5 bags of chips, 4 oranges, 6 colas, and 10 waters. How many snacks were in the refrigerator? Grant took a bag of cashews, 1 orange, and a bottle of water. How many snacks were left?
2. On Monday, Kate Butler dug up 2 mammoth fossils, 1 bird fossil, and 4 sloth fossils. On Tuesday, she dug up 1 mammoth fossil, 4 bird fossils, 2 sloth fossils, and 10 mastodon fossils. On Wednesday, she dug up 10 bird fossils. On Thursday, she dug up 6 sloth fossils and 2 mastodon fossils. On Friday, she dug up 3 mammoth fossils, 12 bird fossils, 7 sloth fossils, and 2 mastodon fossils. How many fossils of each type did she find for the week? What was the total number of fossils she found? Make a bar graph to show her results. Color-code the graph for each type of fossil.
3. Mimi wanted to buy some new jewelry when she shopped on Rodeo Drive. She looked at one bracelet for \$175.00, one for \$546.00, and one for \$332.00. She also looked at earrings for \$32.75. She decided to buy the earrings and the most expensive bracelet. How much was her bill?
4. Christina bought snacks for the kids. She bought 3 bags of pistachio nuts for \$1.25 each, 1 bag of chips for \$0.65, 2 apples for \$0.39 each, 1 banana for \$0.55, 4 slushies for \$1.00 each, and 4 candy bars for \$0.75 each. She gave the clerk \$15.00. How much change did she get back?
5. Mr. Reyes bought 5 tickets when he took the kids to iFly Hollywood. He bought an adult ticket for \$6.25 and 4 children's tickets for \$4.75 each. How much did the tickets cost? How much change did he get back from a \$50 bill?

Bonus Info!

La Brea Tar Pits By the Numbers

The Portolà expedition, a group of Spanish explorers led by Gaspar de Portolà, made the first written record of the tar pits in 1769.

The oldest fossil from the La Brea Tar Pits is a wood fragment dated at around 40,000 years ago.

Since 1906, more than 1 million bones have been recovered representing over 231 species of vertebrates.

Dire wolves are the most common large mammals found at La Brea with several thousand represented in the museum. The saber-toothed cat ranks second with 2,000 individuals identified.

About 8 to 12 gallons of tar a day still oozes and bubbles to the surface of the pits.

Of more than 100 pits, only Pit 91 is still regularly excavated by researchers. The museum encloses the pit and visitors can watch as it is excavated for 2 months each summer.

English: Write It!

1. Write a book report on *The Mystery at Hollywood* and include the following information. What is the setting? Who are the main characters? What is the plot? What is the climax of the story? Is there a theme or a big idea that the author is trying to get across? What do you think it might be? What is your favorite scene? Did you like the book? Why or why not?
2. Who is your favorite character in the book? Write a paragraph describing that character (physical description and character traits). What are his/her strengths and weaknesses? How is the character important to the plot of the story?
3. Pretend you are traveling through Hollywood. Write a travelogue about your adventures. Draw pictures to go along with your descriptions. You might want to pretend you see a movie star or two!
4. Mimi is taking a screenwriting workshop in the story. As a class, discuss how to write a screenplay. Look at Chapter 15 (Up On The Roof) in *The Mystery at Hollywood*. Write this chapter in screenplay form. Be sure to set the scene, write the dialogue as if each person is speaking, and include any directions for their actions. Once the script is written, act it out with four students taking the parts.
5. Pretend you are a reporter visiting the La Brea Tar Pits. Write a news story about your trip. Be sure to include journalism's Five W's (Who, What, When, Where, and Why—and sometimes How) when writing your article.

Bonus Info!

Some Members of a Movie Crew

Producer – coordinates and controls much of what goes on in the making of the film from development to completion

Director – oversees the creative aspects of the film

First Assistant Director (1st AD) – assists the director

Script Supervisor – keeps track of what parts of the script have been filmed

Production Designer – responsible for the visual appearance of the film

Make-up Artist – works with makeup, hair, and special effects to create the character's look on the screen

Costume Designer – in charge of the costumes worn by the actors

Director of Photography (DP) – chief of the camera and lighting crew and works with the director on lighting and framing all scenes

Production Sound Mixer – responsible for recording all sound during filming

Art: Create It!

1. Make a Hollywood Star on the Walk of Fame! Draw a 5-point star pattern (12 inches is a good size). Trace the star on pink construction paper and cut it out. Use gold ink or glitter to print your name. Paste the star on a large, black sheet of construction paper. (Create a Hollywood Walk of Fame by lining up all the students' stars on the floor to make a walkway around the room.) (NOTE: On the Internet, go to redkid.net/generator/star where you can type in a name and see what it looks like on a real Hollywood Walk of Fame star!)
2. Create a stepping stone with your handprints and name just like those at the Chinese Theatre. You will need cement; a plastic tray used under potted plants to catch water (14-inch is a good size); a bucket; a trowel; a pointed stick; and gems, rocks, marbles, or other small decorations of your choice. Mix cement and water in a bucket until it reaches the consistency of thick cake batter. Pour it into the plastic tray. Smooth the top of the cement with the trowel and let it sit for about an hour. It will be ready when a fingerprint pressed into the cement does not disappear. Spread your fingers apart and press both hands firmly into the cement to make a handprint. Write your name with the pointed stick and finish decorating with the gems or any other appropriate objects. Dry the stepping stone for 2 to 3 days. Pop it out of the tray. Paint the dry stone if desired.
3. Draw your favorite scene from *The Mystery at Hollywood*. Discuss that scene in front of the class and explain why that was your favorite scene. (A variation of this is to go through the book and select one scene for each person in the class to draw. When they are finished with the drawings, let the students tell the story of *The Mystery at Hollywood* by discussing the drawings, or "scenes" in order.)
4. Draw a picture of your favorite character in the mystery! If you want, you can draw them in your favorite scene in the story.
5. Create a poster inviting people to visit Hollywood! Include famous places and famous people. Create a catchy slogan to grab the reader's attention. You might even want to add craft items like sequins or feathers to give it some Hollywood glamour!

Bonus Info!

Hollywood Trivia

- There are 2,500 "stars" on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.
- Almost all of Walt Disney's recent major films have premiered at the El Capitan Theatre, including *The Little Mermaid*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Aladdin*, *The Lion King*, *A Bug's Life*, *Tangled*, *Toy Story 3*, and *Mars Needs Moms*.
- About 175 movie stars have put their handprints and footprints in cement at Grauman's Chinese Theatre. Over two million people visit the theater each year.
- In *Shrek 2*, *Shrek the Third*, and *Shrek Forever After*, the kingdom of Far, Far Away has a sign that sits on a hilltop and resembles the Hollywood Sign.
- Paramount Studios is the only "big name" major studio still located in Hollywood. It began in 1913 in a rented horse barn near Sunset and Vine streets. Today, it covers an area nearly as big as Disneyland.
- Rodeo Drive is home to the single most expensive store in the world: Bijan. You have to make an appointment in advance just to shop there!

Science: Cook It!

A is for Artichoke—a plant only grown in California in the United States! Buy the whole, globular-shaped flower head fresh in a grocery store’s produce department. Cook it and have fun eating this unusual vegetable!

How to Cook and Eat an Artichoke

Cut off or trim the artichoke stem. Snip the thorny tip off each leaf with kitchen scissors. Wash the artichoke in cold water and place it in water to cover. Add one tablespoon of oil and the juice of one lemon to the water. Bring the water to a boil and cook about 30 minutes. The artichoke is ready when one of the outer leaves can easily be removed. Drain the artichoke upside down.

To eat the artichoke, pull off each of the leaves one by one and hold like a potato chip. You should be able to see the edible part pretty clearly: it’s lighter in color and down at the base of the leaf, where it was attached to the heart. Dip the end in whatever dip you like (mayonnaise, melted butter, or Ranch dressing are good choices). Gently nibble or scrape off the tender bits of the bottom of the leaf by putting the leaf in your mouth, closing your teeth on it, and pulling the leaf outwards. The “good part” will detach easily from the more woody, fibrous part of the leaf. Discard that part of the leaf. Eat all the outer leaves in that manner.

When you get to the smaller inner leaves (they have a translucent look with a bit of purple on them), pull them all off. You will see a finer, almost hairy-looking growth just on the top of the heart of the artichoke. Remove this portion by pulling it out with your fingers or scraping it out with a spoon. Don’t eat it! It’s too prickly and tastes icky! What’s left is the “heart” of the artichoke. This is the prized portion and often the only part of the artichoke that restaurant chefs use in their recipes. Cut it with your fork, dip it in the dip, and enjoy!

Bonus Info!

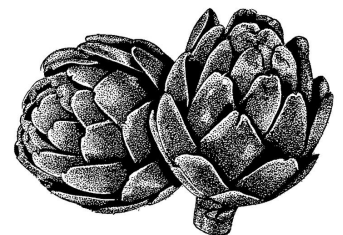
Hot Artichoke Dip

Here’s a good recipe for using canned artichoke hearts, which are found in the canned vegetable section of the grocery store.

Ingredients

2 14 oz. cans of artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
1 cup mayonnaise
1 cup Parmesan cheese (grated)
½ tsp. garlic powder
paprika

Combine all the ingredients except for the paprika. Spoon the mixture into a lightly greased baking dish. Sprinkle paprika on top. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes. Serve as an appetizer with your favorite crackers or eat as a side dish.



Activities

Lights, Camera, Action!

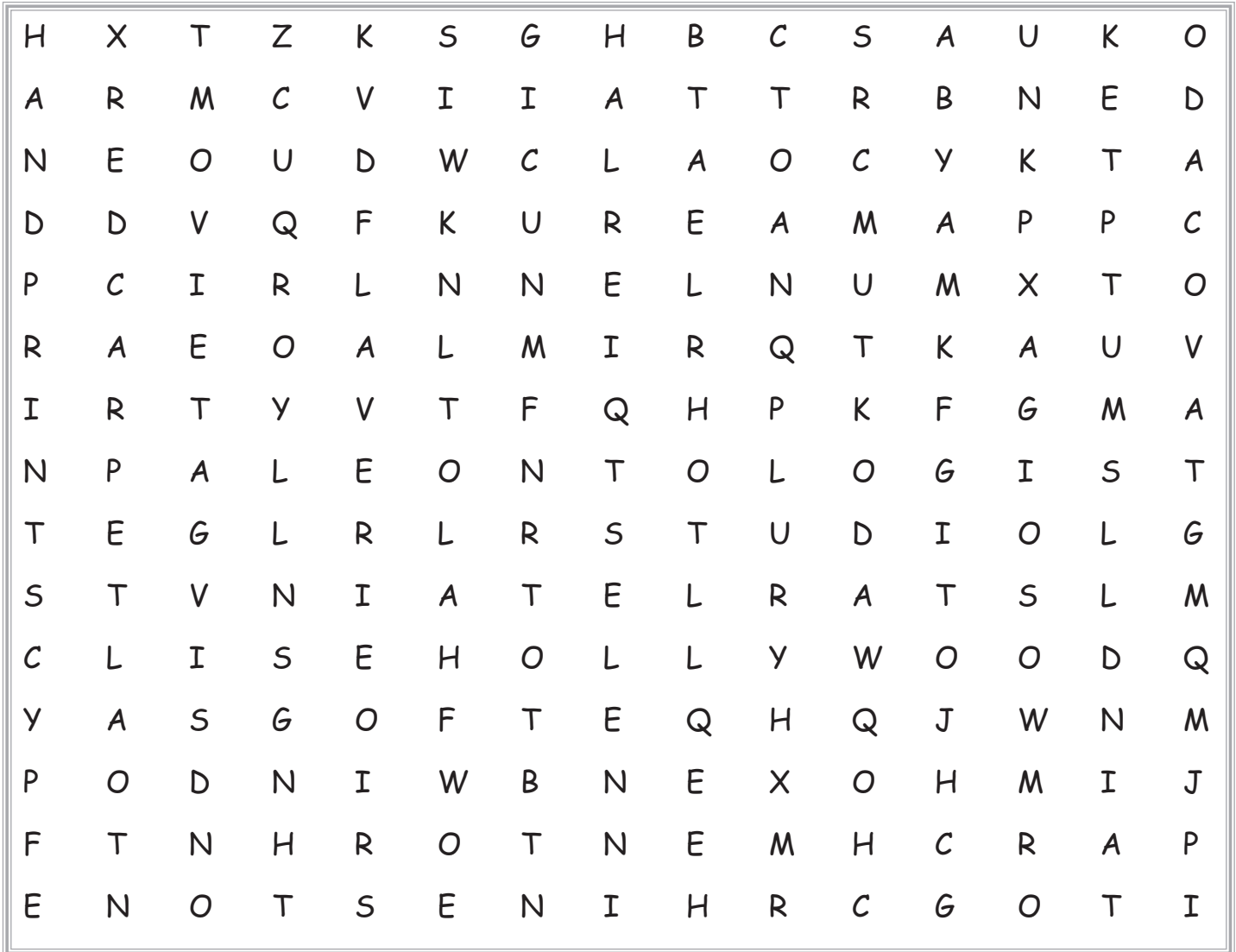
Here is your chance to make a movie just like they do in Hollywood! You will need a digital video camera with a microphone and someone who can help you edit the movie on a computer.

1. Write a script for the movie. You might use a short chapter or a scene from *The Mystery at Hollywood*, like Chapter 15. Or you can write your own scene about Christina, Grant, Brianna, and Jeremy in Hollywood and bring in whatever other characters you like. Just keep all the action in one setting. Use a book or the Internet to find out how to format a scene on paper. Type the completed scene in script format and make sure that everyone in your group has a copy.
2. Choose classmates to be the director, the cameraperson, and the actors. If you have enough people in your group, have someone be in charge of costumes and/or the props on the movie set. Discuss what everyone's job is and how the crew works together to make a film.
3. The director and the cameraperson should make the decisions on where and how to shoot the scene and how the action will take place. They should "block out" the action. This means to plan the movement of the actors in the scene. Keep this simple! Consider making a storyboard using stick figures, so you can show everyone what the scene will look like. The actors should work on their lines by rehearsing them together.
4. When everyone is ready, rehearse, and then roll the camera! Remember this should be fun—not perfect!
5. Once your movie is shot, it's time to edit. Don't forget a title page, credits at the end, and possibly a little music!
6. Throw a premiere party! Roll out the red carpet, have some popcorn, and sit back and watch your first movie!

Activities

Word Search

Search for the mysteriously hidden words below!



WORD BANK

HOLLYWOOD
MOVIE
CALIFORNIA
RED CARPET

BACKLOT
HANDPRINTS
RHINESTONE
AVOCADO

STAR
FOSSIL
WIND
TAR

CRYPT
STARLET
EARTHQUAKE
PALEONTOLOGIST

SILENT FILM
MAMMOTH
STUDIO
PARCHMENT

Chapters 1-4 Worksheet

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Do you know what these words mean? Write their definitions in the space provided.

1. microfossil
2. memorabilia
3. flippant
4. starlet

Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

5. What is Mimi going to attend in Hollywood?
6. What happened as Mimi, Christina, Grant, and Papa walked toward the terminal?
7. What are silent movies?
8. What was Grant afraid he might see in the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel?

Write T for True and F for False.

9. ____ Santa Ana winds are winds that blow out of the North Pole.
10. ____ A paleontologist is a scientist who studies ocean life.

Chapters 5-8 Worksheet

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Do you know what these words mean? Write their definitions in the space provided.

1. restore

2. marquee

3. trademark

4. extremity

Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

5. What did Papa want Miguel Reyes to show him?

6. What did Brianna point out to Christina that was up on the hill?

7. Who did Grant think was following him?

Write T for True and F for False.

8. ____ Miguel Reyes said Hollywood's heyday was also called its Golden Age.

9. ____ The first talking movie was *The Jazz Singer*.

10. ____ Grant fell in wet mud at Grauman's Chinese Theatre.

Chapters 9-11 Worksheet

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Do you know what these words mean? Write their definitions in the space provided.

1. din
2. benevolent
3. rebel
4. landmark

Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

5. Who follows the kids to the Hollywood Sign?
6. What did Grant find at the base of the letter “H” at the Hollywood Sign?
7. Who are F. Scott Fitzgerald, William Faulkner, and Ernest Hemingway?

Write T for True and F for False.

8. ____ Brianna says the Hollywood sign was once an advertisement for an airport.
9. ____ Musso and Frank Grill was the first restaurant in Hollywood.
10. ____ The kids see a shadowy figure standing in the wings of the Hollywood Bowl.

Chapters 12-15 Worksheet

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Do you know what these words mean? Write their definitions in the space provided.

1. backlot
2. episode
3. cavort
4. cabana

Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

5. What did Grant do in the wind tunnel at iFly Hollywood?
6. Who took the kids' picture in front of Paramount Studios?
7. Why did the kids meet Mimi and Papa at Griffith Observatory?
8. What did Christina realize about movie actor James Dean?

Write T for True and F for False.

9. _____ The kids watched a commercial being made on the Paramount Studios backlot.
10. _____ Grant suggested the kids go to the cemetery at night to look for a clue.

Chapters 16-19 Worksheet

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Do you know what these words mean? Write their definitions in the space provided.

1. crypt
2. swoon
3. ornate
4. mannequin

Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

5. What did Christina say was following her around like the moon?
6. What did the kids see as they were leaving Valentino's mausoleum?
7. Where did the kids go shopping with Mimi and Papa?
8. What place did Grant and Jeremy run into on the way to the Hollywood Museum?

Write T for True and F for False.

9. _____ Max Factor was a famous movie star.
10. _____ The clue in Lucy's little music box said to go to the Ripley's Museum.

Chapters 20-23 Worksheet

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Do you know what these words mean? Write their definitions in the space provided.

1. paparazzi
2. icon
3. keepsake
4. empower

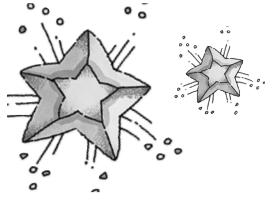
Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

5. Who are the kids looking for in the wax museum?
6. What do the kids find in the pink satin drawstring bag?
7. What happens as the kids dash down the stairs at the Hollywood and Highland Center?
8. Who had stolen the rhinestone?

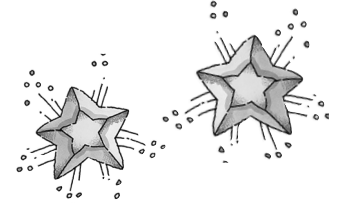
Write T for True and F for False.

9. ____ Grant knocked over Madame Tussaud at the wax museum..
10. ____ Christina tells everyone to look for Marilyn Monroe's handprints.

The Mystery at Hollywood



Vocabulary End-of-Unit Quiz



NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Using the word bank, fill in the correct vocabulary word in the sentences below.

WORD BANK

BACKLOT
FLIPPANT

BENEVOLENT
KEEPSAKES

EMPOWERED
MEMORABILIA

EPISODES
MICROFOSSILS

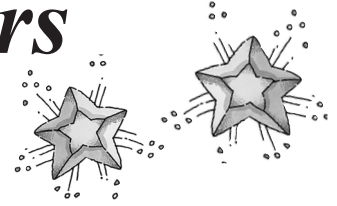
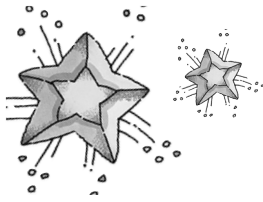
EXTREMITIES
ORNATE

1. The museum at the La Brea Tar Pits had wood, plant and insect _____.
2. Mimi and Papa were interested in the _____ of old Hollywood.
3. Christina made a _____ remark to Papa about being a movie fan.
4. When Grant fell in the wet cement, his _____ splayed out in all directions.
5. The Hollywood Sign seemed like a _____ protector, looking over all that happened below.
6. Christina couldn't believe she was actually on a movie studio _____.
7. Crews shoot _____ of television shows on the huge soundstages.
8. Rudolph Valentino's crypt had an _____ bronze plaque with his name on it.
9. Christina gave Kate the pink drawstring bag, the sea-green bottle, and all the other clues as _____ of her grandmother.
10. Mimi knew that completing a mystery by herself _____ Christina.

The Mystery at Hollywood

Matching Characters

End-of-Unit Quiz



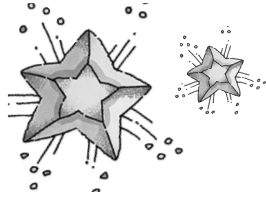
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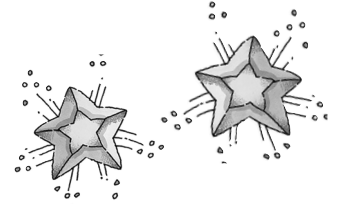
Match the mystery characters with their descriptions.

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|------------------------------|--|
| _____ 1. Papa | A. Did somersaults while he was flying |
| _____ 2. Mimi | B. Asked his mother to tell Grant about the ghosts |
| _____ 3. Christina | C. Pried a rhinestone out of the cement at Grauman's Chinese Theatre |
| _____ 4. Grant | D. Is an architect who restores old buildings in Hollywood |
| _____ 5. Brianna | E. Took everyone on a tour of the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel |
| _____ 6. Jeremy | F. Got mistaken for John Wayne while shopping on Rodeo Drive |
| _____ 7. Kate Butler | G. Dressed up like Lucy, Captain Jack Sparrow, and the lady in black |
| _____ 8. Elizabeth Reyes | H. Took a screenwriting workshop |
| _____ 9. Miguel Reyes | I. Figured out that the rhinestone belonged in Marilyn Monroe's name |
| _____ 10. Kate's grandmother | J. Knew that Max Factor was a famous makeup artist |

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Fill-in-the-Blank End-of-Unit Quiz



NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Fill in the blanks to complete the following:

1. Most of the smog in Southern California blew out over the ocean because of these.

___ A ___ ___ ___ ___ N ___ ___ W ___ ___ ___ ___

2. This happens when the earth suddenly releases energy.

E ___ ___ ___ ___ H ___ ___ ___ ___

3. Archeologists have found thousands of these at the La Brea Tar Pits.

___ O ___ ___ ___ ___

4. These were the first movies made in Hollywood.

___ ___ L ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ I ___ ___ ___

5. The names of actors, directors, writers, recording artists, and people who work behind the scenes can be found here.

___ ___ L ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ W ___ ___ ___

___ ___ F ___ ___ ___

6. At Grauman's Chinese Theatre, celebrities leave their handprints and footprints, signatures, and sometimes this in the cement.

___ R ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ K ___

7. You can see this at Griffith Observatory.

___ ___ ___ R ___

8. What movie actor was known as a rebel?

___ A ___ ___ ___ ___ D ___ ___ ___

9. What silent movie actor was known as the Sheik?

___ ___ ___ ___ L ___ ___ ___ ___ V ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ O

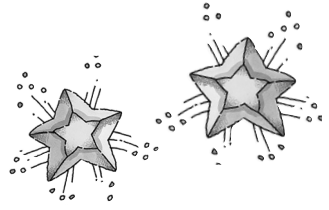
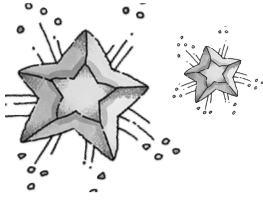
10. Christina remembered that these are a girl's best friend.

___ ___ A ___ ___ ___ ___ D ___

The Mystery at Hollywood

True or False

End-of-Unit Quiz



NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Write T for True and F for False.

1. ____ Sometimes Santa Ana winds cause fires.
2. ____ Hollywood is a neighborhood within the Los Angeles city limits.
3. ____ Earthquakes seldom occur in California.
4. ____ Mammoths and mastodons can be found at the Los Angeles Zoo.
5. ____ Avocados, artichokes, and garlic are crops grown in California.
6. ____ The first talking movie was called *The Jazz Singer*.
7. ____ The El Capitan Theatre has a giant red pagoda with a copper roof.
8. ____ The Hollywood Bowl's bowl-shaped white shell is a Hollywood landmark.
9. ____ Paramount Studios is the only big movie studio still located in Hollywood.
10. ____ Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum is a place where Hollywood stars used to get their hair and makeup done.

Answer Key

Page 15, Mathematics: Calculate It!

1. 30 snacks, 27 snacks; 2. 6 mammoth fossils, 27 bird fossils, 19 sloth fossils, 14 mastodon fossils; 66 total fossils; 3. \$578.75; 4. \$2.27; 5. \$25.25; \$24.75

Page 17, Vocabulary: Use It!

1. empower; 2. starlet; 3. benevolent; 4. keepsake; 5. flippant; 6. cabana; 7. episode; 8. extremity; 9. backlot; 10. microfossil

Page 22, Chapters 1-4 Worksheet:

5. screenwriting workshop; 6. an earthquake; 7. movies without sound; 8. ghosts; 9. F; 10. F

Page 23, Chapters 5-8 Worksheet:

5. Hollywood's old architecture; 6. the Hollywood Sign; 7. Lucy; 8. T; 9. T; 10. F

Page 24, Chapters 9-11 Worksheet:

5. a hiker; 6. a glass bottle with a clue; 7. writers; 8. F; 9. T; 10. F

Page 25, Chapters 12-15 Worksheet:

5. he flew; 6. Captain Jack Sparrow; 7. to look at the stars; 8. he was a rebel; 9. T; 10. F

Page 26, Chapters 16-19 Worksheet:

5. the Hollywood Sign; 6. the lady in black; 7. Rodeo Drive; 8. Ripley's Museum; 9. F; 10. F

Page 27, Chapters 20-23 Worksheet:

5. a lady in white; 6. a note and a rhinestone; 7. an earthquake; 8. Kate Butler's grandmother; 9. F; 10. T

Page 28, Vocabulary End-Of-Unit Quiz:

1. microfossils; 2. memorabilia; 3. flippant; 4. extremities; 5. benevolent; 6. backlot; 7. episodes; 8. ornate; 9. keepsakes; 10. empowered

Page 29, Matching Characters End-of-Unit Quiz:

1. F; 2. H; 3. I; 4. A; 5. J; 6. B; 7. G; 8. E; 9. D; 10. C

Page 30, Fill-in-the-Blank End-of-Unit Quiz:

1. Santa Ana winds; 2. earthquake; 3. fossils; 4. silent films; 5. Hollywood Walk of Fame; 6. trademark; 7. stars; 8. James Dean; 9. Rudolph Valentino; 10. diamonds

Page 31, True or False End-of-Unit Quiz:

1. T; 2. T; 3. F; 4. F; 5. T; 6. T; 7. F; 8. T; 9. T; 10. F