

Lost Dutchman Mine



Superstition Mountain rises 3,000 feet high. It is a popular recreational destination for hikers and horseback riders.

Somewhere in Arizona's Superstition Mountains is said to be the Lost Dutchman Mine. The mine is named after Jacob Waltz. Waltz came to America in 1845. He was from Germany and spoke German, or *Deutsch*. People named him the "Dutchman."

The Dutchman traveled America searching for gold. He finally settled in the Arizona Territory in 1868. By this time, he was in his fifties and had a long white beard. He continued looking for gold in Arizona. No one knew if he ever found any.

On his deathbed in 1891, he gave his caretaker, Julia Thomas, a map. It would help her find his mine. Julia found a box filled with gold hidden under the Dutchman's bed. Now she was certain that the Dutchman had found a gold mine.

Julia searched the Superstition Mountains. She returned without gold. Later, to earn money, she sold maps to the lost mine.

For more than a century, people have searched for the mine, but no one has ever found it. Some say the Apache Indian's Thunder God protects it. Some say the mine doesn't exist. Some think the mine is not in the Superstition Mountains.

Name _____



Drawing Conclusions

1. Why did people call Jacob Waltz the “Dutchman”?

Sequence

2. What did the Dutchman do before he settled in Arizona?

Form an Opinion

3. Why do you think people continue to search for the Lost Dutchman Mine?

Summarizing

4. Write two sentences to tell what happens in the story.

The Dutchman's Map



Man, this sun is scorching, thought Inspector Tippington. He was riding on the back of a mule in the Arizona desert.

Three days ago, he got a phone call from his friend, Miner Mike. He said he had found the map to the famous Lost Dutchman Mine. He had been hiking in the Superstition Mountains.

Legend has it that back in the 1800s, Jacob Waltz, a Dutchman, owned the mine. Before Jacob died in 1891, he told a friend of his secret gold mine. He gave her a map. The map and the mine have never been found. Many people have died looking for it.

"Everyone knows that the mine is somewhere in the Superstition Mountains. With this map you and I can find the gold!" exclaimed Mike. "We will be millionaires!"

"Let me see that map, Mike," said Tippington.

Tippington carefully studied the map. It was on paper that was old and dirty. At the top was computer-printed directions. The directions said where to dig for the gold. At the bottom of the paper was a hand-drawn map. It showed the location of the mine.

Tippington stopped his mule. "Miner Mike, you've been baking in the sun too long. There is no way that Jacob Waltz made this map!"



Think about it... Tippington knows the map wasn't real. Do you?

**Vocabulary**

1. When something belongs to someone, they _____ it.
 - A. own
 - B. like
 - C. buy

Reading for Details

2. What did Miner Mike expect to find at the mine?

3. What kind of transportation did Inspector Tippington use to travel into the desert?

Analogy

4. *Map* is to *find* as *shovel* is to
 - A. look
 - B. dig
 - C. whole

Inference

5. Why do you think Miner Mike's map is a fake?

**Cause and Effect**

6. What happened while Miner Mike was hiking?

Compare and Contrast

7. How is Miner Mike like Jacob Waltz?
- A. They know where the lost mine is.
 - B. They are both miners.
 - C. They have gold.

Vocabulary

8. A word in the first part of the story that means very hot is _____.

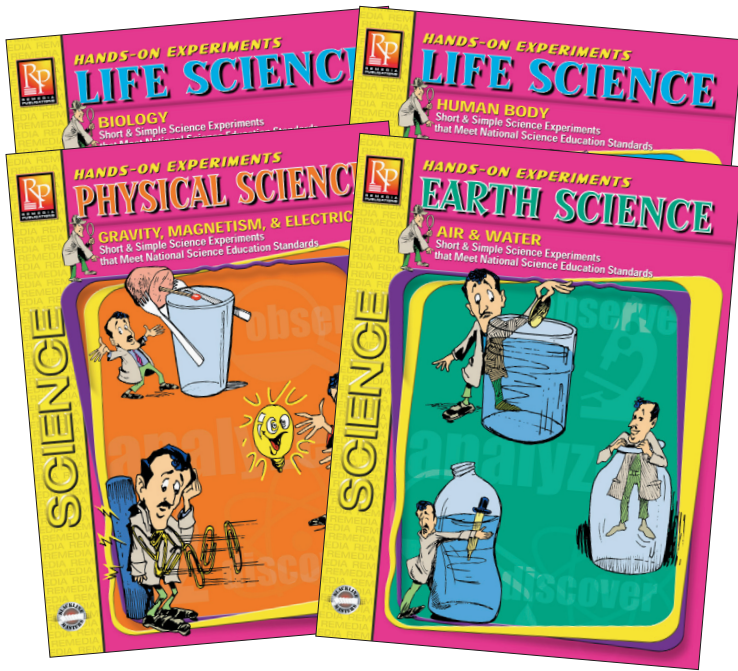
Fact or Opinion (*Write F for fact, O for opinion.*)

9. _____ Miner Mike is a crazy guy.

Predicting Outcomes

10. If hikers go into the Superstition Mountains without supplies and a map, what could happen?

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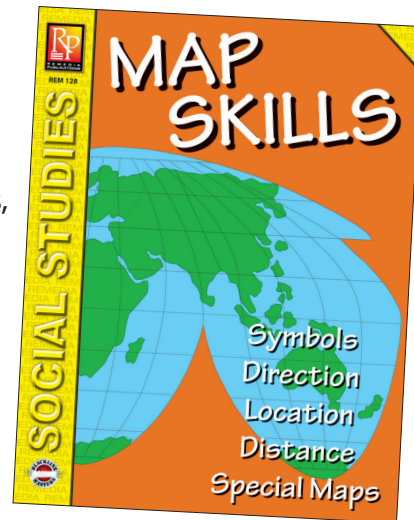
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