

Summer Reading 2023



Instructions

The summer vacation period is a wonderful time for students to have a short break from attending school every day, but a great opportunity to keep learning. Our summer reading program is targeted to help students continue to enhance their reading skills during the months of June, July, and August.

This year, we will be providing your child with a hard copy book to read over the Summer 😊

Incoming 8th Grade Summer Reading Book is *Journey to the Center of the Earth* by Jules Verne.

Your child will be responsible for reading their book and completing the assignments provided in this packet.

****Please bring in all work on the first day of school, as it will count as a grade for the first quarter. (Your child does not need to return the book)**

Throughout the summer, if you have any questions, please call the main office at (305) 231-4888.

Please sign, and return on the first day of school, along with the completed assignments.

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Journey to the Center of the Earth
Vocabulary Study Guide

armor:	covering that protects the body in battle
encases:	to enclose, as in a case
extinct:	no longer alive on Earth
hideous:	very ugly
plunged:	moved sharply in a downward direction
serpent:	snake or snake-like monster

Name _____

Journey to the Center of the Earth Vocabulary Test

hideous encases plunged armor extinct serpent

Write the correct word in front of each definition.

_____ covering that protects the body
in battle

_____ to enclose, as in a case

_____ no longer alive on Earth

_____ very ugly

_____ moved sharply in a downward
direction

_____ snake or snake-like monster

Write the word that makes each sentence complete.

1. Dinosaurs are now _____.
2. The mountain _____ the valley below.
3. The children _____ into the deep water.
4. The knight is wearing a suit of _____.
5. That is a _____ mask!
6. The _____ slithered across the grass.

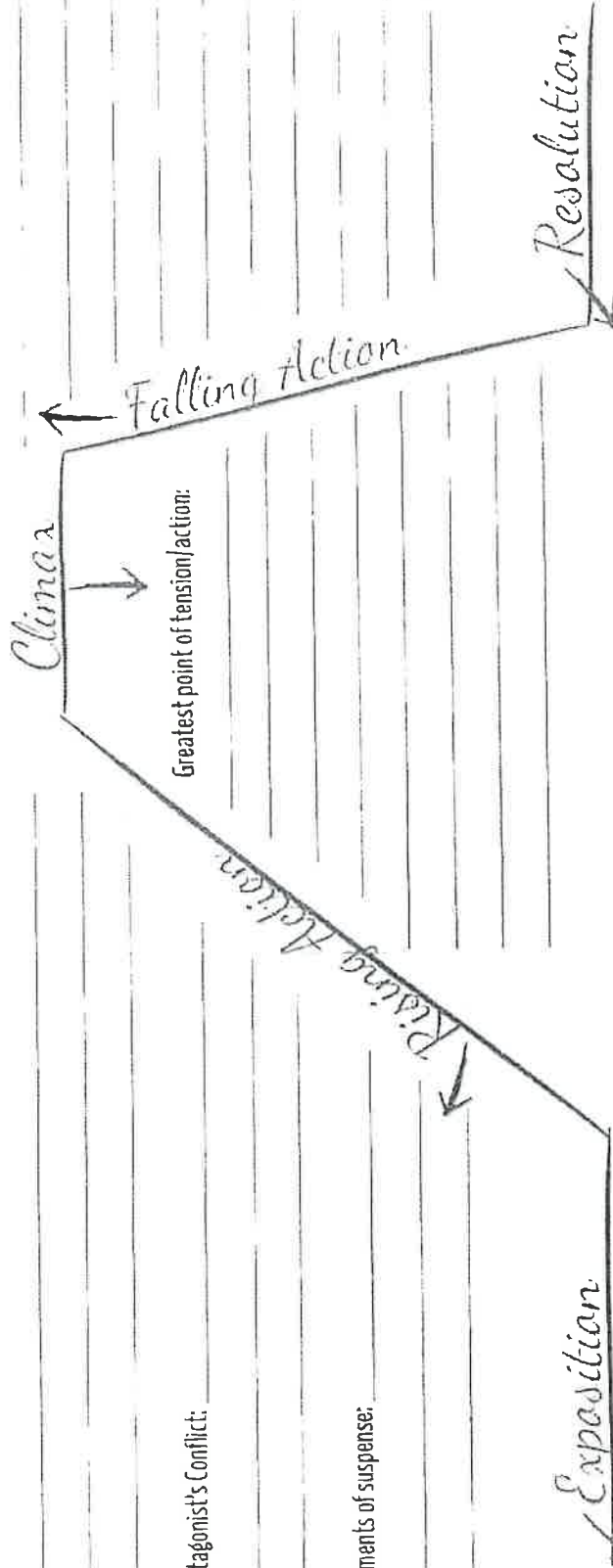
TITLE: _____

AUTHOR: _____

Focusing on THE PLOT STRUCTURE

Main Events of Rising Action: _____

Main Events of Falling Action: _____



Protagonist's Conflict: _____

Elements of suspense: _____

Exposition

Setting: _____

Narrative Perspective: _____

Characters introduced: _____

Opening Events: _____

How is the conflict resolved? _____

Ending: _____

How is the protagonist changed? _____

Why were Professor von Hardwigg, Hans, and Harry the first humans to ever see the ichthyosaurus and plesiosaurus?

- a. They were the first humans to see them because they were the first humans to journey to the center of the Earth.
- b. They were the first to see them because they had been extinct for millions of years.
- c. They weren't the first humans to ever see the ichthyosaurus and plesiosaurus.

Answer:

Choose either the ichthyosaurus or the plesiosaurus. Using the descriptions from the story, draw and label one of the creatures.

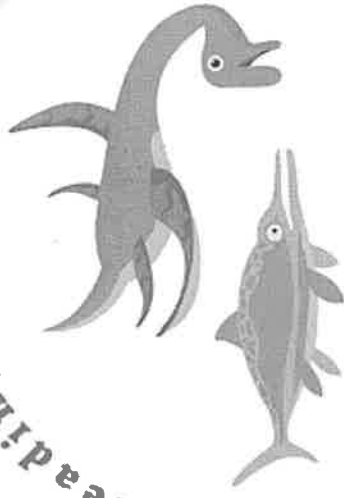
What happened to Professor von Hardwigg, Hans, and Harry during the battle?

- a. Professor von Hardwigg, Hans, and Harry were thrown off their raft during the battle.
- b. Professor von Hardwigg, Hans, and Harry were drowned during the battle.
- c. Professor von Hardwigg, Hans, and Harry almost capsized in the battle because of the enormous waves created by the fighting creatures.

Answer:

Did the ichthyosaurus or the plesiosaurus win the battle? Use information from the story to explain your answer.

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Journey to the Center of the Earth

Name: _____