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Activity One

To Drink or Not to Drink?

Imagine that the Tuck family has decided to bottle the water from their spring. Your task is to create an advertisement for a bottle of this water. This project will have two parts: a commercial and a poster.

Things to consider:

- Who is the target audience?
- Why would they want this product?
- Why is it the best product?

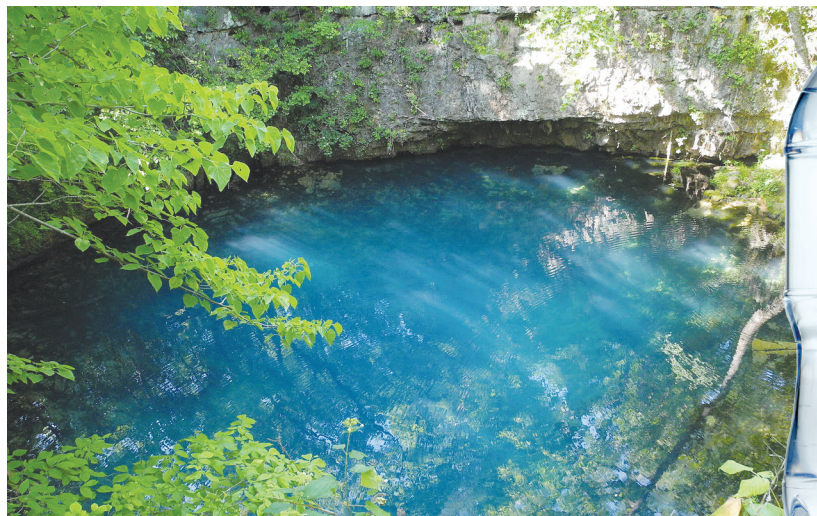
The commercial should be at least one minute in length and needs to have the following:

- A slogan
- An example of the product
- A jingle

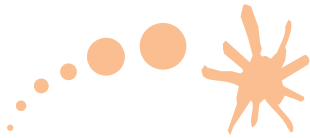


The poster that goes with your commercial should have:

- Bright colors
- Clear, neat pictures
- A slogan
- Warnings/Encouragement about using the product



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Activity Two

Postcard from Treegap

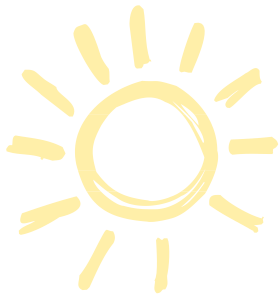


Author Natalie Babbitt uses a lot of adjectives to describe the setting of her story. There are many descriptions of the nature around Winnie and the Tucks. The forest, the Tuck's home, and the river all give the reader lots of details and images in their head. A good example is found in Chapter Nine, "the ground was muffled with moss...it was cool, blessedly cool and green".

You will be creating a postcard sent from Treegap. The front of the postcard will have a drawing of somewhere in the town. Some suggestions: the river, the tree and the spring, the Tuck's house or the Foster's house. On the back, you will write a short message to your friend. Be sure to include lots of color and detail in your drawing.

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Activity Three

Fountain of Youth: Legends



Everyone today seems to want to stay young forever. Early civilizations had tales of special objects or places that would help humans be immortal. The Tuck family accidentally found one of these magical places. After that, they spent the rest of their lives trying to keep it a secret.

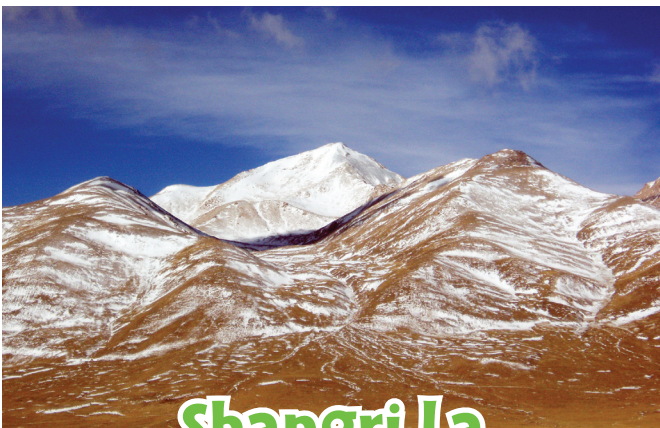
You will research one of these myths and legends:



The Fountain of Youth



Peaches of Immortality



Shangri La



The Holy Grail

Write a report with your information. In the report, you will have to answer the 5 Ws (Who, What, When, Where, Why). Expand your thinking by making connections between the myths and life today. Ex: Where do experts think a place would be on a map today? Have you seen this story before (TV, movies books)? Is the story believable?

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Activity Four

Wanted Poster



In the story, some people think the Tucks are criminals. The man in the yellow suit could also be seen as a villain. What crimes have they committed? Are they guilty? Are they innocent?

In the past, WANTED posters were used to ask for help to find missing criminals. They were hung all over town and told of a reward for news. A drawing showed what the criminal looked like, since photographs were not common. Important information about the person would also be included, such as what they had done and where they were last seen.

You will choose a character from the story and create a WANTED poster. Be sure to include:

- A drawing of the criminal
- Height
- Weight
- Hair and eye color
- Strange features (such as a yellow suit)
- What they are accused of
- The reward

Use the story to find details about the characters and what crimes they committed. Help keep Treegap safe!





Activity Five

Movie Trailer



Tuck Everlasting was turned into a movie adaptation in 2002. Movie trailers are the best way to advertise a movie to its target audience. You will be creating a movie trailer to advertise the book. Some things to consider while planning your trailer:

- Who would enjoy this movie most?
- What genre of movie is it? (e.g. adventure, romance, mystery)
- Who are the main characters?
- What are the most exciting parts of the story?
- What sound effects might you use?

Your trailer should be between 1 and 2 minutes long. It must have sound effects or background music. You can create the trailer digitally using editing programs, or act your trailer aloud as a dramatic presentation.



Scenes from *Tuck Everlasting* (2002)

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Activity Six

Treegap: Then and Now



The Tuck family will live forever. They have watched people they know grow old and move on. They have seen towns and people change. Although we won't experience history like the Tucks, as historians we can have an idea of what a place was like throughout history.

The Tucks arrive at the end of the novel in 1950. It has been two years since Winnie's death in 1948. Her tombstone says she was born in 1870. When Winnie first meets the Tucks, she is ten years old. The setting of her adventures with the Tucks is in 1880.

Divide a large piece of paper into three sections. In the first section, you will use images and words to show what Treegap was like in 1880. The second section will be what you believe Treegap was like in 1950, when the Tucks return. The third section will be your prediction of what Treegap would look like today.

You will need to research each of the time periods to have an accurate project. What did people wear? How did they get around? What would the buildings look like? These are all things to consider when you are drawing your pictures and adding text. Remember to have neat labels and drawings to help your audience understand. Label each time period clearly.

