

Red Rock Mysteries Teaching Plan

Book #1 Haunted Waters

Book #2 Stolen Secrets

Book #3 Missing pieces

Book #4 Counterattack

Book #5 Grave Shadows

Book #6 Phantom Writer

Book #7 Double Fault

Book #8 Canyon Echoes

Book #9 Instant Menace

Book # 10 Escaping Darkness

Book #11 Windy City Danger

Book #12 Hollywood Holdup

Book #13 Hidden Riches

Book #14 Wind Chill

Book #15 Dead End

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Reading Comprehension Questions

General Questions

1. The series focuses on two young people's mystery solving skills. What are their names and how are they related?
2. Ashley and Bryce struggle throughout the series with many challenges, both in their personal lives and because of the mysteries. Name two challenges from each category.
3. The twins are nervous around their stepdad, Sam, after learning one big secret at the end of book 1. What is this secret?
4. Each character deals with their problems and stress in a different way. What does Ashley do when she is searching for answers and trying to clear her head?
5. Who is telling the story? In what point of view?
6. While Ashley and Bryce are very close, they each have a very good friend whom they spend time with. Who is Ashley's good friend? Who is Bryce's?
7. Ashley and Bryce often rely on God's guidance. Because of their strong beliefs, it is hard when people they love do not believe. Name two people in their lives who do not believe in God.
8. Bryce rides a two person bicycle many miles in support of cancer. Who is riding the bicycle with Bryce?
9. Who is Bryce and Ashley's little brother?
10. Who do you relate to, Ashley or Bryce? What do you like/admire about them?

Activities:

(Note: Activities are listed by subject area and by increasing difficulty level.)

Alphabetizing

Put the names of these characters from *Red Rocks* in alphabetical order.

1. Bryce
2. Mom
3. Ashley
4. Sam
5. Leigh
6. Dylan
7. Dad
8. Pippin
9. Frodo
10. Randy

Syllables

Syllables are the different sounds that work to make up a word. A word can have many syllables or just one.

Example of one syllable word: Dog.

Example of two syllable word: Ashley (broken up into 'ash' and 'ley').

Example of three syllable word: Mystery (broken up into 'my' 'ster' 'y').

Write the number of syllables each word has and break it up into syllables in the space provided. It can often be helpful to say the words aloud to hear the syllables.

Bryce

Bicycle

Airplane

Terrorist

Crime

Chicago

Colorado

Hike

Mountain

Twin

Matching

Match each character to their correct job title/duties, drawing a line from person to job duties.

Person
Sam
Ashley
Bryce
Mom
Jeff

Job
Writes popular religious fiction for a living.
Writes a column in the local paper about his personal struggles with having cancer.
Helps solve mysteries, writing in her journal to sort out her thoughts.
Flies a personal airplane for celebrities or wealthy customers.
Works with his sister to solve local mysteries and crimes.

Clues

Bryce and Ashley often follow a trail of clues to solve the mystery at hand. Pick one of the mysteries and write down three clues that lead the twins to the correct conclusion.

Problem and Solution

Ashley and Bryce are familiar with problems, using their detective skills to try and solve local mysteries. Most of these mysteries begin with a problem or obstacle and end with a solution. Fill in the missing elements in the table below.

Problem	Solution
Police claim Bryce is responsible for the equipment tampering and safety issues surrounding the local country club.	
	Bryce and Jeff cross the finish line, completing the bicycle race.
Sam, Bryce and Ashley's stepdad, says he is responsible for their father's death.	
While visiting Chicago for the filming of a commercial, Ashley learns her friend Caroline's Uncle is missing.	

Two girls at school accuse a local man of kidnapping them. Bryce and Ashley find their story suspicious.	
The twins' favorite principal, Mr. Forster, is accused of stealing precious coins from another teacher.	
	Bryce and Ashley find a camp and grab water, returning to the mountain trail to rescue their family from heat exhaustion.
Ashley and Bryce suspect Leigh's boyfriend Randy is responsible for hitting mailboxes in town with baseball bats.	
	Bryce and Ashley find Jake Konig in the innkeeper's secret basement, calling the police and saving the horror writer.
	The twins and their family must leave town forever without telling their friends, heading to an unknown destination.

Sequencing

Each mystery has a beginning where the problem is discovered. Next comes the middle when conflict arises making it difficult for the twins. At the end, Bryce and Ashley solve the mystery. Pick your favorite book, filling in the chart provided. Please write at least three sentences for each section: beginning, middle, and end.

Story: _____

Beginning

Middle

End