

WORKSHEETS THAT REQUIRE KNOWLEDGE OF THE STORY

ANSWERS FOR TEACHERS

TRUE TALES

If a worksheet does not appear in the list below, it is 'generic' in its requirements, calling on children's general basic skills, without specific reference to the story. In other words, a teacher will know what the correct answer is without having read the story at all.

SUBWAY HERO

Worksheet 2 – Who is Your Hero?

1. He saved a little girl, Michelle from being run over by an on coming train. She had slipped onto the train tracks in a subway station.

THE TITANIC

Worksheet 2 – Fact or Opinion

1. fact
2. opinion
3. opinion
4. fact
5. opinion
6. opinion
7. opinion
8. fact
9. fact
10. fact

THE MUMMY'S CURSE

Worksheet 1 – The Prefix Principle

1. Discovery

Worksheet 2 – A Warning Ignored

1. Lord Carnavorn had spent a fortune searching for Tutankhamun, he was not about to give up now.

Of all of the 23 people involved in the expedition to open up Tutankhamun's tomb, only two survived. Within seven years they had all died premature, unnatural deaths and had

unfortunate accidents, they also lost family members. Anyone who scorned the curse had near fatal accidents, or lost family members soon after. Howard Carter, the man who started it all died of natural causes in 1939 at the age of 66. Was he the only one to avoid the curse? Or was it all just coincidence and superstition?

THE GHOST SHIP

Worksheet 1 - What Really Happened?

The sailing ship “Mary Celeste” was found drifting on the Atlantic Ocean on the 5th of December 1882 by the sailing ship “Dei Gratia”. Only two sails were up. There was no one on deck, no one up the mast or in the rigging, no sign of a single person. No one was steering the ship. Everything was in order, beds were made, clothes hung up to dry. Food lay on the table. In the captain’s cabin there was a hard-boiled egg on the table. The captain had cut the top off the egg, but never eaten it. There was no sign of anything wrong. The captain of Dei Gratia ordered his men to sail the “ghost ship” Mary Celeste to land. They sailed side by side to Gibraltar.

An inquiry was held. The ship was examined closely. The captain’s log was read. He was Mr Briggs, only 37 years old. His wife and two year old daughter Sophia accompanied him on the voyage. He had a crew of eight experienced sailors. The captain’s log showed that Mary Celeste had had an excellent trip. It had reached the Azores Islands, off North Africa on the 24th of November. Mr Briggs had been sitting on deck playing with Sophia. On the 25th a wind had come up, but there was no danger. That was the last entry ever made by the captain.

The cargo onboard the ship was industrial alcohol. There was no mention of trouble from the crew. There was no sign of anything wrong with the captain’s or crew’s quarters.

CASTAWAY

Worksheet 1 – The Island

There were natural springs, so he had plenty of water.

There were trees with tropical fruit.

Most useful were the animals on the island.

Long gone missionaries had left behind some goats, pigs and fowls.

The weather was good.

He used an axe to cut down trees.

He made a hut of wood, lashed it together with vines, and put a roof on it made of leaves.

He rubbed sticks together to make fire.

He had a bible to read.

He found an old nail and sharpened it into a needle. Using the skins from goats he had eaten, he cut them up and sewed them together into a suit of clothes.

His beard grew down to his waist and his hair was wild.