Lesson Plan Summary
Magic Tree House #35: Camp Time in California

Crossword Puzzle and “Double Puzzle” Activity

Activity using Camp Time in California

EACH STUDENT WILL:

• Read and discuss vocabulary and text in Camp Time in California.

• Complete the crossword puzzle and/or the “Double Puzzle”

COMMON CORE STANDARDS ADDRESSED:

READING:

• KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS (RI1.1, RI2.1, RI3.1, RI4.1)
  Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text, (RI2.1)

• RANGE OF READING AND LEVEL OF TEXT COMPLEXITY (RI3.10)
  Read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, at the high end of the grades 2-3 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

LANGUAGE:

• VOCABULARY ACQUISITION AND USE (L3.4.a)
  Use sentence – level context as to the meaning of a word or phrase
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This lesson includes a vocabulary crossword puzzle and “double puzzle” with answer keys, and a “word bank” for differentiation of instruction.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Copies of #35 Camp Time in California
- Printable crossword puzzle (included in the Appendix)
- Word bank (included in the Appendix)
- Answer key (included in the Appendix)
Appendix

- Printable Crossword Puzzle
- Printable “Double Puzzle”
- Answer Keys
- Vocabulary Word List
Camp Time in California
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. a type of brown bear known for its lighter, white-tipped fur and currently an endangered animal
4. pleasant outdoor surroundings or views
5. 🕵️‍♂️ used for viewing faraway objects
9. _______ Riders was a name given to the volunteer cowboy soldiers during the Spanish American War
11. an area in its natural state in which few or no people live

DOWN
2. the National Park best known for its waterfalls, towering granite blocks of stone and ancient giant sequoia trees.
3. evergreen trees that belong to the pine family
6. a group of people with their own languages, laws and way of life
7. someone who studies nature
8. very large, heavy, and solid
10. a drawing that was done quickly or without detail
Unscramble the anagrams to reveal the letters for the final message.

Solve the anagrams in the top part of the puzzle.

Use the circled letters from the words in the top part to complete the final word or phrase at the bottom. Each circled letter is used just once.
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ANSWER KEY

ZLYGZIR  G R I Z Z L Y
UDORHRESRGI  R O U G H  R I D E R S
WLSRDEESNI  W I L D E R N E S S
TCESKH  S K E T C H
EAMVSIS  M A S S I V E
NLZCIIIVTIOA  C I V I L I Z A T I O N
SRALUTtain  N A T U R A L I S T
CUNRLSOIAB  B I N O C U L A R S
SRYCENE  S C E N E R Y
RDECA  C E D A R

Y O S E M I T E
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Crossword Vocabulary

binoculars
Cedar
civilization
Grizzly
massive
naturalist
Rough Riders
scenery
sketch
wilderness
Yosemite