Inferring: Use the Clues

Texts for the Online Activity

Letter from Henry

Dear pen pal,

You'll never guess my news. We're moving to a new home! My mom got a job across the country. We've been packing our stuff into boxes all week! My mom gave my winter coat and boots to Goodwill yesterday - hooray! I'm sad about leaving my friends, but there's so much to look forward to. I don't think I'll ever get enough of seeing a real NBA team in person! Sounds awesome! And I can't wait to fly my paper airplanes over the biggest canyon in the country!

I'll write you as soon as I'm in my new home. Can you guess where that is?

Your friend, Henry

Letter from Asia

Dear pen pal,

You'll never guess where I am now! We're on vacation in the most awesome place in the country. I read three chapter books on the way here from Chicago. Thank you for telling me about the Dragon books. I'm almost finished with book 4!

Our first day here, I spent the whole morning drawing bubbling rainbow springs. Yesterday we went to the gift shop, where I got a stuffed grizzly bear. She is so soft, I think I'll name her Lizzy.

Last night, my dad and I lay out on a blanket and counted thousands of stars. We saw the Big Dipper and the Milky Way. Today I started working to earn my junior ranger patch! It'll take all week, but my dad says he'll sew it on my backpack when I get it.

I hope you'll write back soon!

Your friend, Asia

Into the Book



Movie Blog

The beginning of this movie almost made me hit the snooze button. It was 45 minutes of people preparing to go on a trip. Really? Do they need to waste 45 minutes of my time showing me how to get ready for a trip? Ok. I got it. You need a tent and a cooler filled with food. However, the last 20 minutes will have you holding on to your seat and begging for your mom. All I have to say is that a hairy beast will need some big shoes if he ever leaves the woods.

Historical Photo







Text Message

Fernando: Hola, Tio!
Uncle: Hola, Fernando.
Fernando: Did I ever tell you you're the best uncle ever?
Uncle: I already knew that.
Fernando: Skateboards are on sale at Washburn Sports this weekend.
Uncle: In your dreams...
Fernando: What?
Uncle: I know what you're getting at, and the answer is no.
Fernando: Way to burst my bubble! But skateboarding is a great way to get exercise.
Uncle: So is running. You already have two legs that you can use for that.
Fernando: BTW it is my birthday next week.
Uncle: And my birthday is next month. What are you getting me?

