

PUKU –SUMMER–

Week 8: The Great Unknown



What do a chupacabra, jackalope, and kraken have in common? They are all cryptids--mysterious creatures that may or may not really exist! This week we're exploring The Great Unknown at Puku Summer Camp. Whether it's a mystery you're after or a spy adventure that you need to solve we've got you covered.

Vocabulary Lists

Cryptids Vocabulary List - <https://s.m-w.com/30HhQ1i>

Mystery Vocabulary List - <https://s.m-w.com/3gKYgqF>

Suggested Reading

All Summer Select pages highlight challenging vocabulary for study and discussion questions to help guide conversations about the books.

The Parker Inheritance

By Varian Johnson

<https://s.m-w.com/2CiPgdo>

The Parker Inheritance follows the riveting story of two inquisitive kids as they reckon with their place in society and their community. They'll follow a trail of mysterious clues in which they'll uncover the long-forgotten sins of a South Carolina town.

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

By E.L. Konigsburg

<https://s.m-w.com/30O0Qqt>

As two young runaways explore The Metropolitan Museum of Art, they come across an art-historical mystery that needs solving. Thankfully, Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler and her mixed up files lead them on an adventure of a lifetime, teaching them how to problem solve, the meaning of sacrifice, and the exhilaration of victory.

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Vocabulary Activities

Write a Ghost Story

Write your own ghost story. The spookier the better! Try to use the vocabulary from the mystery vocabulary list to write a story that will scare your friends and family. If you need help getting started here are a few writing prompts:

1. My friend dared me to walk through a cemetery at night. As I was walking I felt...
2. Usually I'm not superstitious, but after a black cat crossed my path strange things started happening...
3. I'd always heard the abandoned house down the street was haunted...

Create a Cryptid Comic

Pick your favorite cryptid from our vocabulary list and create a comic. It could be one strip or a whole comic book. Illustrate and write a story that answers the following questions: Where did this creature come from? Where does it live? What does it eat? Are there more of them? Be creative! For a challenge try to include more than one cryptid in your comic.

Other fun activities

- Tell your friends and family a ghost story around a campfire (real or fake). Use your scariest voice and a flashlight under your chin for a frightening effect.
- Play game Clue either with your friends and family in person or online through Steam.
- Grab some popcorn and watch the movies *Harriet the Spy*, *Nancy Drew*, and *The Great Mouse Detective*.
- Create your own code and write a message to a friend. Be sure to include the key so that they can decipher your message.
- Build your own periscope to spy on your friends and family. You can make one out of recycled materials and you can find instructions and how to videos online.
- Make your own invisible ink. All you need is water and lemon juice! Learn how here: <https://s.m-w.com/3fOixdw>

