

SRC Week 4 - Travel and Exploration

The Most Mysterious Places in the World

Over time, many places around the globe have been coined as mysterious as a result of peculiar activity or suspicious events occurring there.

Below are several examples, and some background information. In the space provided, share your thoughts about what you think is the cause of the odd happenings at each location, and share them with us at summerreading@tnrd.ca!



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1. Stonehenge, England

Stonehenge has long been one of the United Kingdom's most mysterious locations. To this day, the logistics of just how these enormous and heavy monoliths were moved and stacked over 5,000 years remains a mystery. How do you think it was created?



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2. Marfa Lights, Texas, USA

On clear evenings, many “orbs” can be seen twinkling on the horizon on the outskirts of the Texan town of Marfa, and they have been confusing both residents and visitors for over 135 years. Over the years, some have even claimed to have seen them moving! Though many speculations exist, no true or conclusive explanation has ever been reached. What do you think these mysterious lights could be?



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3. Winchester Mystery House, California, USA

Sarah Winchester (whose late husband invented the Winchester rifle) purchased this enormous home in 1886. Over the following 30 years, she became consumed with creating an expansive indoor labyrinth out of the house's floor plan. By the end of its renovation, it contained 2 basements, 160 rooms, 10,000 windows and 2,000 doors. Many doors lead to sudden drop-offs and staircases throughout the house were known to lead straight into ceilings/dead ends.

Some speculate that the intricate layout of the home was intended to ward off the evil spirits of people killed by her husband's invention, but this was never confirmed. Why do you think Mrs. Winchester decided to renovate her house this way, and so expansively?



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4. Nazca Lines, Peru

Over 300 images appear in the sand in the southern Peruvian desert, depicting many different figures from spiders to hummingbirds, and even people! These illustrations are so massive that some lines alone span over 3.2km. Speculation continues regarding what their purpose was, some examples include that they represented a giant calendar, had celestial associations, and more. However, much confusion also exists surrounding how they were created in the absence of modern technology, given their sheer size and the fact that no vantage view would have been available to view the drawings in their entirety. What do you think the purpose of these images was, and how were they created?



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5. Hoia-Baciu Forest, Romania

The crooked trees and eerie mist have always added to the Hoia-Baciu Forest's creep-factor, but legends of people vanishing in the woods and strange occurrences definitely seal the deal! Coined "the Bermuda Triangle of Romania", the forest certainly keeps people puzzled. Even more captivating is The Clearing in the centre of the woods, which is an open space where nothing seems to grow. To this day, nobody has been able to accurately document why. What do you think is going on in these suspicious woods?

Connect the Landmarks to their Country Activity

Draw a line between each of the famous monuments and the country in which they are located. The first one is already completed as an example!

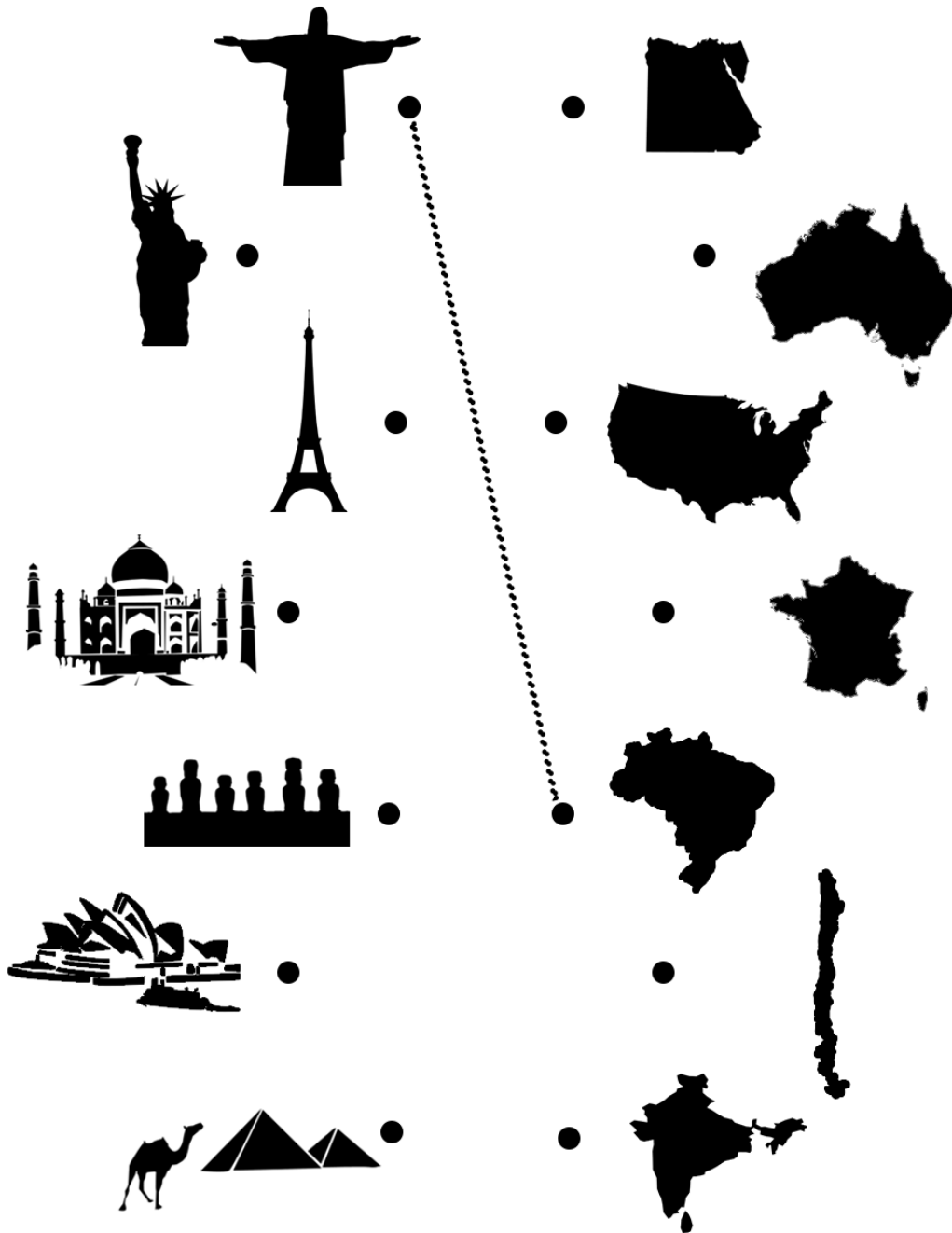


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Answer Key - Monument Activity

1. Christ the Redeemer (Statue) – Brazil
2. Statue of Liberty (Statue) – United States
3. Eiffel Tower – France
4. Taj Mahal (Mausoleum) – India
5. Easter Island (Statues) – Chile
6. Sydney Opera House – Australia
7. Great Pyramid of Giza – Egypt

Thank you for participating!