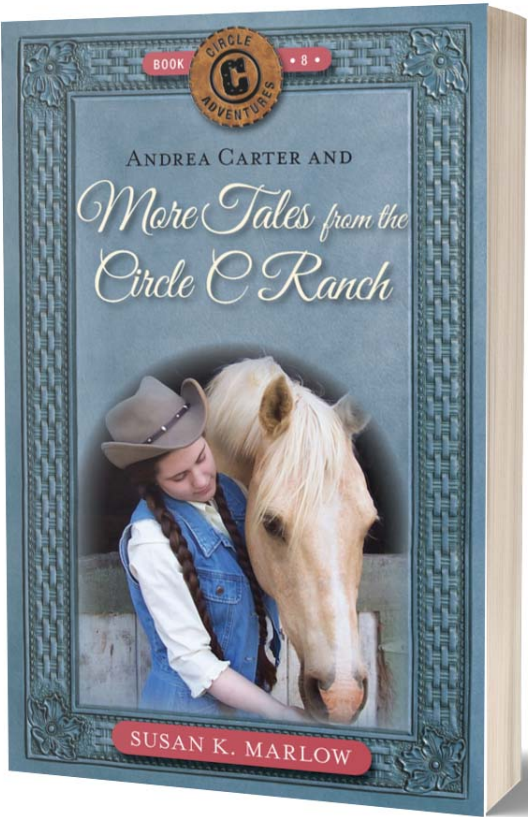


# CIRCLE C ADVENTURES BOOK 8

Andrea Carter and

## *More Tales from the Circle C Ranch*

### Study Guide



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## Daily Schedule for Book 8: More Tales from the Circle C Ranch

There is no lapbook for this short-story collection.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
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## Roping Gone Wrong Chapters 1–5

1. Why is Andi not riding Taffy for her roping practice? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. The new cowhand, Josh, challenges Andi to a roping contest in the branding pens. Write what Josh will do if Andi wins, and what Andi must do if Josh wins.

If Andi wins . . . \_\_\_\_\_

If Josh wins . . . \_\_\_\_\_

3. *Alliteration* is the occurrence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of closely connected words. Tongue twisters are examples of alliteration. *She sold seashells at the seashore.* Chapter 2 also gives an example of alliteration. Circle the words that are alliteration in this sentence.

*Andi was ready to call it quits with cows, calves, and cocky cowhands.*

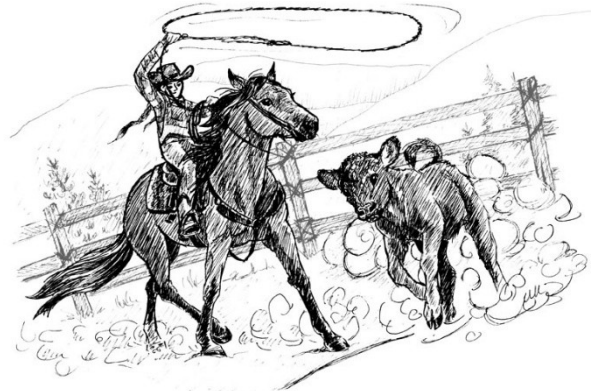
4. Using the illustration from this story, create a sentence using alliteration. Use at least three words with the same letter or sound.

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5. Circle Andi's injuries after she wakes up. broken wrist • headache • dizziness • nausea  
body aches • bleeding • missing a tooth • bruised • sprained ankle
6. What does Josh show his boss as a clue to Andi's whereabouts? \_\_\_\_\_
7. *Think.* Mitch asks Chad if he told Josh to "pick up his pay." What do you think this means?  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. What rule does Andi realize she broke? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Andi is reunited with a friend she once knew. What is her name? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Match these Yokut words with their meanings, or who the characters are.

\_\_\_\_\_ *ho-hu*

\_\_\_\_\_ *ohóm*

\_\_\_\_\_ Lumpa

\_\_\_\_\_ Ku-yu

A. Choo-nook's father

B. yes

C. a Yokut youth

D. no



*Andi's Yokut friend*

## Roping Gone Wrong: Vocabulary

Match the words with their meanings. Page numbers are given where the word is first used.

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| 1. _____ lariat (p. 9)                     | A. not resting on the surface, but held up above ground  |
| 2. _____ a <u>farfetched</u> story (p. 11) | B. confident about the successful outcome of a situation |
| 3. _____ groped (p. 14)                    | C. unlikely and unconvincing; difficult to believe       |
| 4. _____ suspended (p. 14)                 | D. someone who is inexperienced; a “newbie”              |
| 5. _____ scrabbled (p. 15)                 | E. a strong drug used during the 1800s to ease pain      |
| 6. _____ a <u>copse</u> of trees (p. 16)   | F. a rope used as a lasso or for tethering               |
| 7. _____ optimism (p. 18)                  | G. not enough in quantity or amount                      |
| 8. _____ a <u>scanty</u> meal (p. 19)      | H. a small stand of bushes or trees                      |
| 9. _____ laudanum (p. 22)                  | I. to scratch or grab to get a firm grip on something    |
| 10. _____ greenhorn (p. 24)                | J. to feel about or search blindly, using your hands     |

## Noun, Verb, or Adjective?

Write each vocabulary word under the correct part of speech: a noun, a verb, or an adjective.

Noun: a person, place, thing, or idea; Verb: an action word; Adjective: a word that describes a noun.

Noun - 5	Verb - 3	Adjective -2

Now, choose three words from the list and write your own sentences using the words.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## Roping Gone Wrong: The Yokuts of California

The Yokuts lived (and many still do) in the Central Valley and foothills of the Sierra Nevada in California. As with many Native American tribes, their name “Yokut” means “People.” The Yokuts were a friendly and peaceful people group, unlike many of the warring tribes in the east and the plains. In the warm climate of California, there was abundant food for all, with no need to fight other tribes for hunting grounds or space.



During the 1800s, a huge lake, Tulare Lake, covered much of the valley. It teemed with fish, turtles, marsh birds, and other animals. The rich grasses provided food for land animals like deer and elk. Up in the foothills, the Yokuts only needed to travel short distances to gather seeds, nuts, and berries. Food grew everywhere!

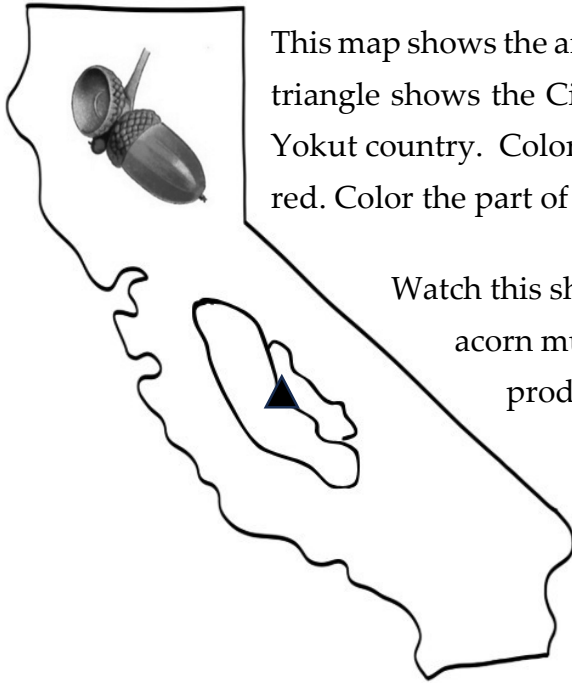
The valley oak provided their most important food: acorns. While we grind wheat seeds into flour, the Yokuts ground acorns into a type of flour. The women and children, like Choo-nook in this story, gathered the acorns every fall. However, they could not simply crack open the acorn and crush it up (or eat it). Acorns contain a bitter substance—tannic acid—that makes the acorns inedible. Before making anything with the crushed acorns, the tannic acid has to be washed away. The women ran hot water over the mass of ground acorns using leaves, washing away the bitter tannic acid. They would taste the smashed acorns during the process until the taste was just right. After it was washed, the acorn mass was dried out and used as flour or as hot cereal (acorn mush).

The Yokut people were famous for their fine, intricately woven baskets. Their reed baskets were so tightly woven that they easily held water. To boil the acorn mush, they heated several rocks and lowered them into a basket of acorn and water mixture.



Sadly, during the 1800s, this peaceful people group was nearly wiped out by men swarming over their land, searching for gold. Eventually, a \$5.00 “bounty” was put on the head of every man, woman, and child of the Yokuts in order to kill them. Many went into hiding, and in the Circle C books, Choo-nook and her family have found refuge on the vast rangeland of the Circle C ranch. Some believe there may have been as many as 70,000 Yokuts before contact with white men. Today, the population of the Yokuts is about 2,000.

## Roping Gone Wrong: The Yokuts of California

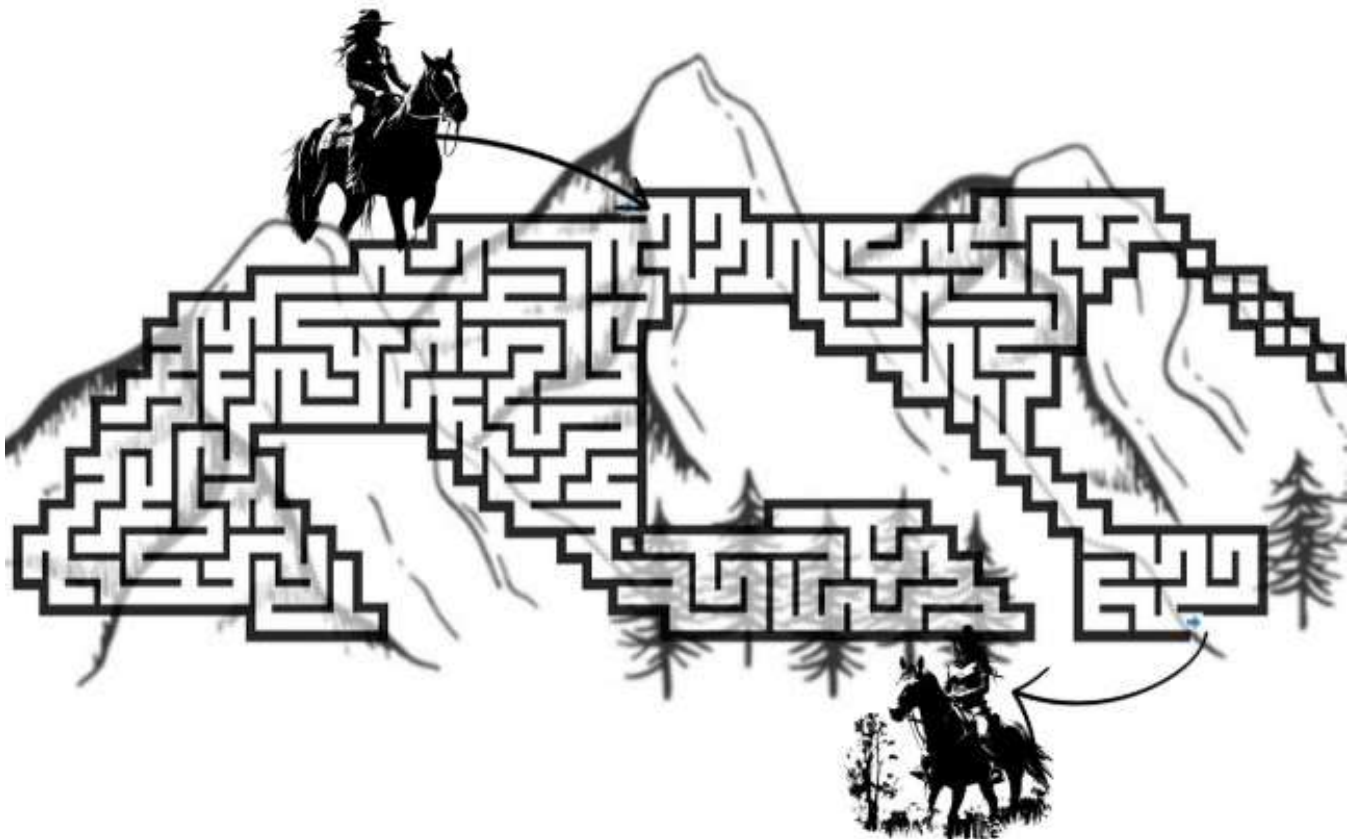


This map shows the area where the Yokut People lived in the 1800s. The black triangle shows the Circle C ranch, which is located smack in the middle of Yokut country. Color the part of the map where the “foothills Yokuts” lived red. Color the part of the map where the “valley Yokuts” lived blue.

Watch this short video of the long, laborious task of making acorn mush, from gathering the acorns in the fall to the finished product. (5 min.) [CircleCBooks.com/Adventures/](https://CircleCBooks.com/Adventures/)



Lum-pa gave Andi directions to find her way home. Help Andi navigate the foothills and make it back to Circle C rangeland.



## Icy Encounter Chapters 1–5

1. Andi has three spelling words to learn. Do you know what these words mean? Circle the correct meaning for each of Andi's difficult spelling words. (*Use an online dictionary.*)

*Sufficiently* means . . .    A. inadequately    B. enough    C. not suitable

*Transcendent* means . . .    A. supernatural    B. clear; see-through    C. mysterious

*Truculence* means . . .    A. enthusiasm    B. friendliness    C. defiance

2. *Think!* How far back does your memory go? Andi remembers four years of special Christmases. Choose a holiday (*Christmas, Thanksgiving, Fourth of July, Valentine's Day, etc.*) and write one sentence for each year you can remember, like Andi did in her copybook.

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3. HOW'S YOUR SPANISH (CÓMO ESTÁ TU ESPAÑOL)? Match these Spanish phrases to the English.

*Page numbers are included where the Spanish phrases are used.*

\_\_\_\_\_ ¿Qué haces? (p. 25)

A. How marvelous!

\_\_\_\_\_ ¿Qué es? (p. 26)

B. New Year

\_\_\_\_\_ ¡Qué maravilloso! (p. 29)

C. What are you doing?

\_\_\_\_\_ Navidad (p. 29)

D. Look!

\_\_\_\_\_ Año Nuevo (p. 29)

E. I'm cold.

\_\_\_\_\_ ¡Mira! (p. 31)

F. So much snow!

\_\_\_\_\_ ¡Tanta nieve! (p. 31)

G. I'm sorry.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tengo frío. (p. 32)

H. What is it?

\_\_\_\_\_ ¡Qué bonito! (p. 38)

I. Christmas

\_\_\_\_\_ Qué gran idea. (p. 39)

J. my friend

\_\_\_\_\_ mi amiga (p. 39)

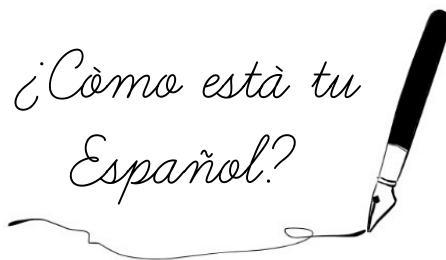
K. What a great idea.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lo siento. (p. 40)

L. It's okay.

\_\_\_\_\_ Está bien. (p. 40)

M. How pretty!




Listen to these Spanish words and try to pronounce them:

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## Icy Encounter Chapters 6-10

1. Who or what are “Iron Jaws” and “Steely Eyes”? \_\_\_\_\_
2. On page 46, Andi has no idea where she is. *Maddie’s cabin might be halfway up Mount Whitney*, she thinks. Go online and fill out these “Fast Facts” about Mount Whitney.



### MOUNT WHITNEY

Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Mt. Whitney is part of which mountain range?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Circle the highest peak in the continental U.S. Mt. Rainier • Mt. Whitney • Mt. Shasta

What is the closest town to Mount Whitney? \_\_\_\_\_

3. MORE SPANISH (MAS ESPAÑOL). Match these Spanish phrases to their English meanings.  
*Page numbers are included where the Spanish phrases are used.*

_____ ¡Ayúdame! (p. 48)	A. It’s so dark!
_____ por favor (p. 48)	B. Help me!
_____ ¡Gracias a Dios! (p. 48)	C. ladies
_____ Sí, señor. (p. 49)	D. Yes, sir.
_____ ¡Qué oscuro! (p. 49)	E. gentlemen
_____ señores (p. 60)	F. please
_____ señoras (p. 60)	G. misses
_____ señoritas (p. 60)	H. Thank God!

Listen to these Spanish words and phrases at:

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*Mas Español*

4. Near the end of the story, Maddie expresses a worry that shows Andi that the old woman—in spite of being a little crazy and a fur trapper—has a compassionate heart, especially toward animals. What is Maddie’s worry? (p. 58) \_\_\_\_\_
5. True or false (circle one)? The idea of an earthquake was created by the author in order to give the story a plausible reason for Maddie to act as she did.

**FOR FUN:** Make Mexican hot chocolate like Andi drank by going to the website and clicking the “More Tales” activities link. [CircleCBooks.com/Adventures/#tales-8](http://CircleCBooks.com/Adventures/#tales-8)





## Icy Encounter: Animal Tracks

Andi and Rosa are excited when they come across animal tracks in the snow. Since Andi has seen jackrabbit tracks in the dust back on the ranch, it is easy for her to identify the tracks made by a snowshoe rabbit. She also finds the deer tracks easy to figure out, since their split hooves are similar to—but much smaller than—the cattle on the Circle C ranch.



Identifying the other animals mentioned in the story might be a little more difficult for Andi and Rosa. How often does Andi see a beaver, a raccoon, a fox, or—certainly not!—a bear prowling about on the rangeland? The girls hoped to go back to the lodge and return to the snowy tracks the next day to draw what they saw. Then the rest of the family could have helped them identify the different wild animals. Truly a fun project . . . until the trap turns all of the girls' plans upside down.

On this page and the next, you have the opportunity to see how well you can identify tracks from the different animals mentioned in this story. When you are finished, you will have a small book of animal tracks. Read the descriptions of the different kinds of tracks these animals make. Then cut out the tracks on this page and match them to the animals in the Animal Tracks booklet.



**DEER** have split hooves, as do goats, sheep, and cattle. The split divides their hoof in half.

**RACCOON** tracks look similar to human hands, with long, narrow “fingers.”

**BEAR** tracks all have five toes. Sometimes the claw marks can be seen; sometimes they can't be seen. Bears walk on their large heel pads.

**FOX** tracks look similar to dog, coyote, or even wolf tracks (but wolf tracks are much bigger), with four toes and a heel pad.

**BEAVER** tracks show different front and back feet. The front tracks are small, with five toes (fingers), and the back-foot tracks are webbed for use in the water.

**RABBIT** tracks also show different front and back tracks. The rabbit's back tracks are long, while the front tracks are small.

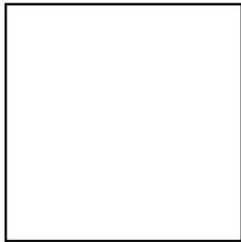
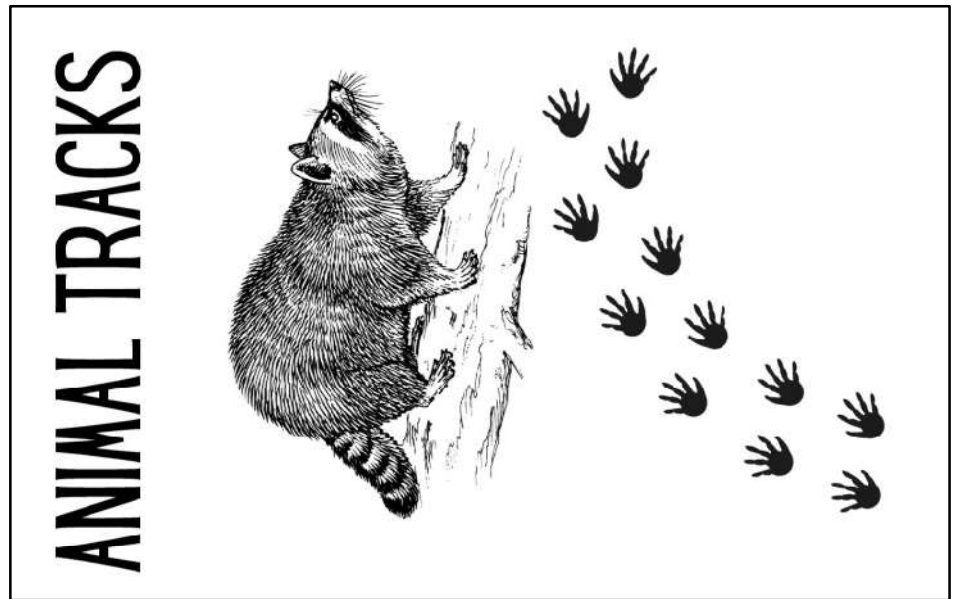
Cut out these tracks for the booklet.



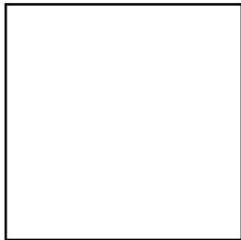
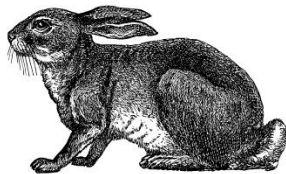
## Icy Encounter: Animal Tracks

Cut out the booklet below and fold it in half. Cut out the "Animal Tracks" cover piece and glue it onto the outside of the booklet.

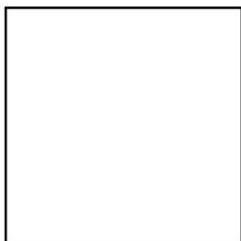
Cut out the tracks on page 185 and match them with the animals that make the tracks. Glue in place. Now, you have a booklet of animal tracks.



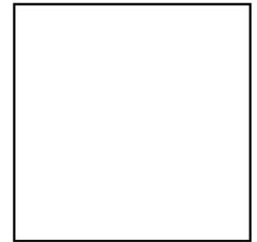
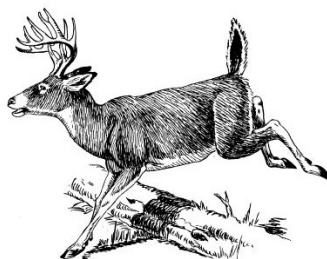
**RABBIT**



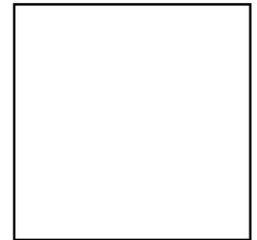
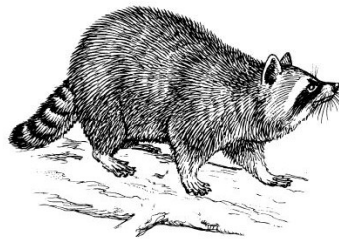
**FOX**



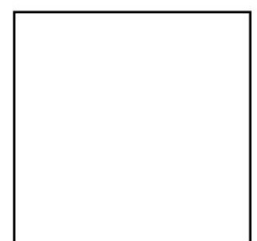
**DEER**



**BEAVER**



**RACCOON**



**BEAR**

## A Close Call Chapters 1-3



1. What simile does Andi use to describe the “contraption” she and Jenny see? (p. 64) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Joseph is correct in his explanation of where a bicycle got its name. *Bi-cycle*. The first word, “bi,” is an old Latin word (*bis*) that means \_\_\_\_\_. The second part of bicycle, “cycle,” originally came from the Greek language (*kúklos*). The Romans (who spoke Latin) borrowed this Greek word and turned it into a Latin word (*cyclus*), which means \_\_\_\_\_. Which word sounds more like the word we use today? *kúklos* (Greek) • *cyclus* (Latin).

Much later, the Latin word turned into Middle English and became “cicle,” which sounds even closer, and then they changed the spelling to “cycle,” and hence . . . bicycle.

3. *Think!* What does the word “tricycle” mean? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What would Florence rather do than ride her brother’s bicycle?

A. jump from a runaway locomotive    B. walk the plank of a pirate ship    C. ride a wild horse

5. *More similes*. Circle the comparing word. Then write the two things that are being compared.

*Andi’s concerns dribbled away like water droplets on a hot summer day.*

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Why does Andi keep pedaling faster and faster? \_\_\_\_\_

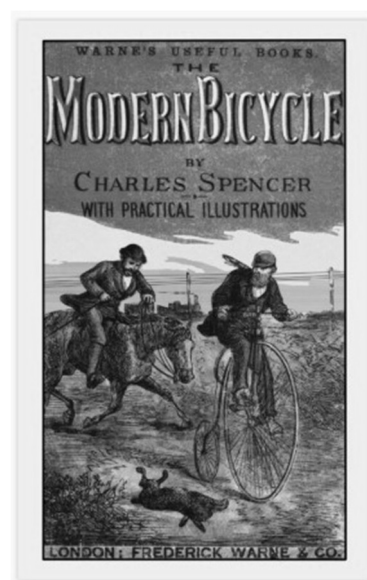
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7. At the end of the story, Justin hands Andi a book titled, *The Modern Bicycle*. It is an actual 19<sup>th</sup> century book from Warne’s Useful Books collection, a series full of helpful information about a variety of subjects. The cover of the bicycle book is shown here.

Who is the author of this book? \_\_\_\_\_

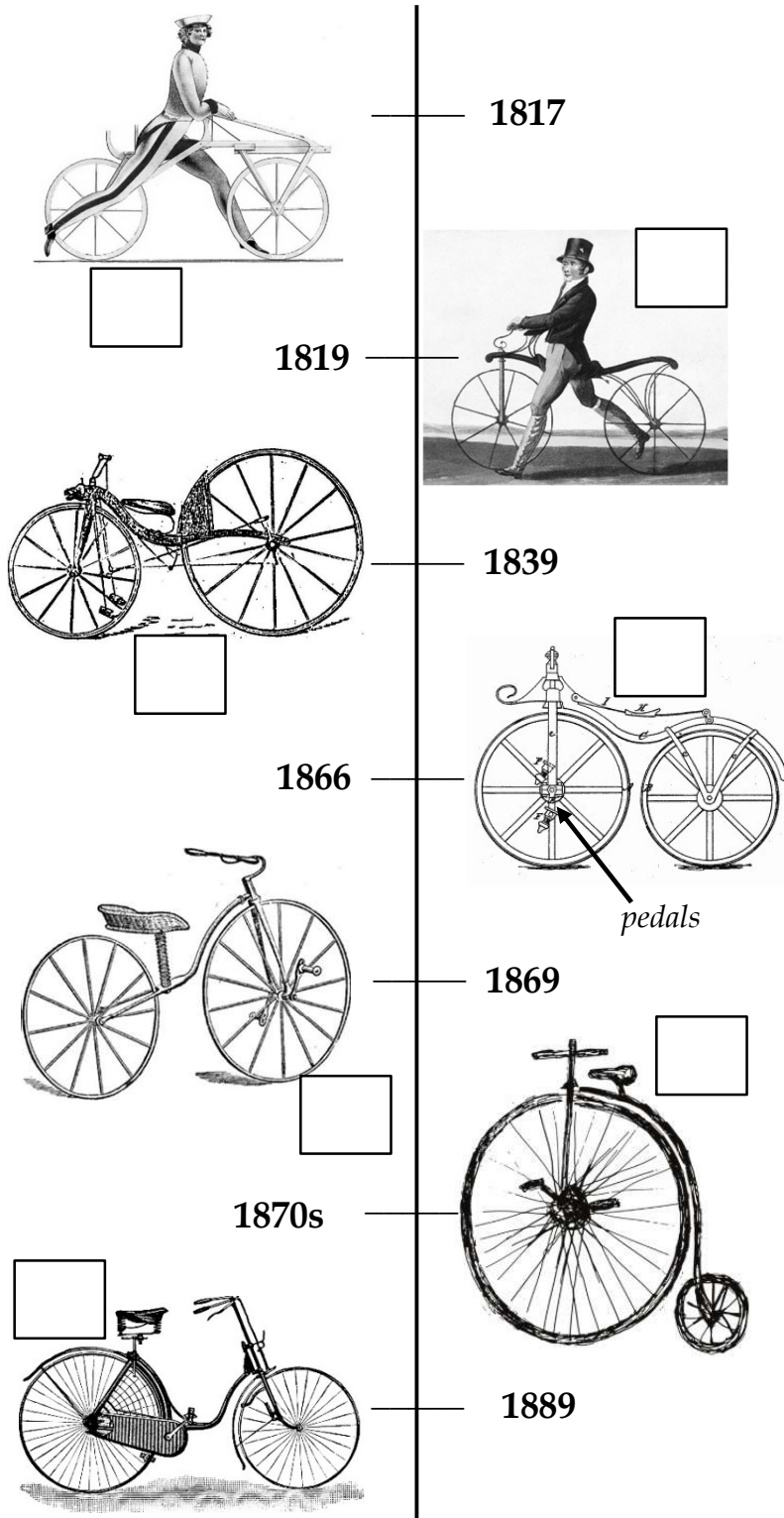
The book says it is full of “practical illustrations.” What are illustrations? \_\_\_\_\_

**JUST FOR FUN:** Watch a man mount and ride a bicycle like the one Andi rides in the story. [CircleCBooks.com/Adventures/#tales-8](http://CircleCBooks.com/Adventures/#tales-8)



## A Close Call: A Short History of the Bicycle

Bicycles are popular, no doubt about it. From tiny two-wheelers with training wheels to high-end mountain bikes, Americans of all ages like to ride a bike. Bicycles are a recent invention in the history of the world, beginning back in the early 1800s. On this rough timeline, write the letter of the bicycle's historical progress with the illustration, along with the date it happened.



A. The "high-wheeler" was a popular bicycle, but the large wheel in front made it very dangerous to ride.

B. The velocipede was improved when the straight wooden frame was exchanged for a curved frame for bigger wheels. But they still pushed it with their feet.

C. The first true pedal bicycle was invented. People made it move by using pedals on the front wheel. No brakes.

D. The "safety" bicycle used a chain to power the back wheel and became the forerunner of the bicycles we use today.

E. The first bicycle was a "velocipede." A person sat on a wooden frame and pushed it with his feet.

F. The first mechanically propelled bicycle used metal rods and a crank to move the back wheel.

G. A New York company makes a pedal bicycle for ladies.

## Summer on the Sound Chapters 1-5

1. Sending a telegram was expensive in the 1800s, so most people made their messages as short as possible (since you were charged by the word plus the delivery cost). Andi does the math in her head and comes to the conclusion that Jenny's father must have paid \$5.00 to send such a lengthy message. If the telegraph office charged \$.50 to deliver the message, and each word cost \$.15, how many were in Jenny's telegram? \_\_\_\_\_ words

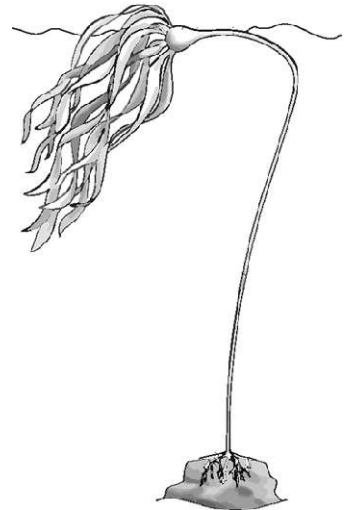
Use this box to do your figuring. Hint: *You will first need to subtract the delivery charge from the cost of the telegram and then divide your answer by how much each word cost.*

2. What is Andi's biggest fear about going to Washington Territory and visiting Jenny?
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3. A *metaphor* is a figure of speech like a *simile*. However, metaphors make a comparison between two things without using "like," "as," or "than," as similes do. This sentence uses a metaphor to paint a word picture (p. 79). *A thousand diamonds sparkled on the waves.*

What is this metaphor describing? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Kelp seaweed is found in Puget Sound. Its roots attach to a rock or the seabed, but tides and storms can pull the kelp loose and wash it up on shore. Watch a short video of Mrs. Marlow, the author, using the kelp she found as a whip like Gideon. What happened that she did not expect? \_\_\_\_\_



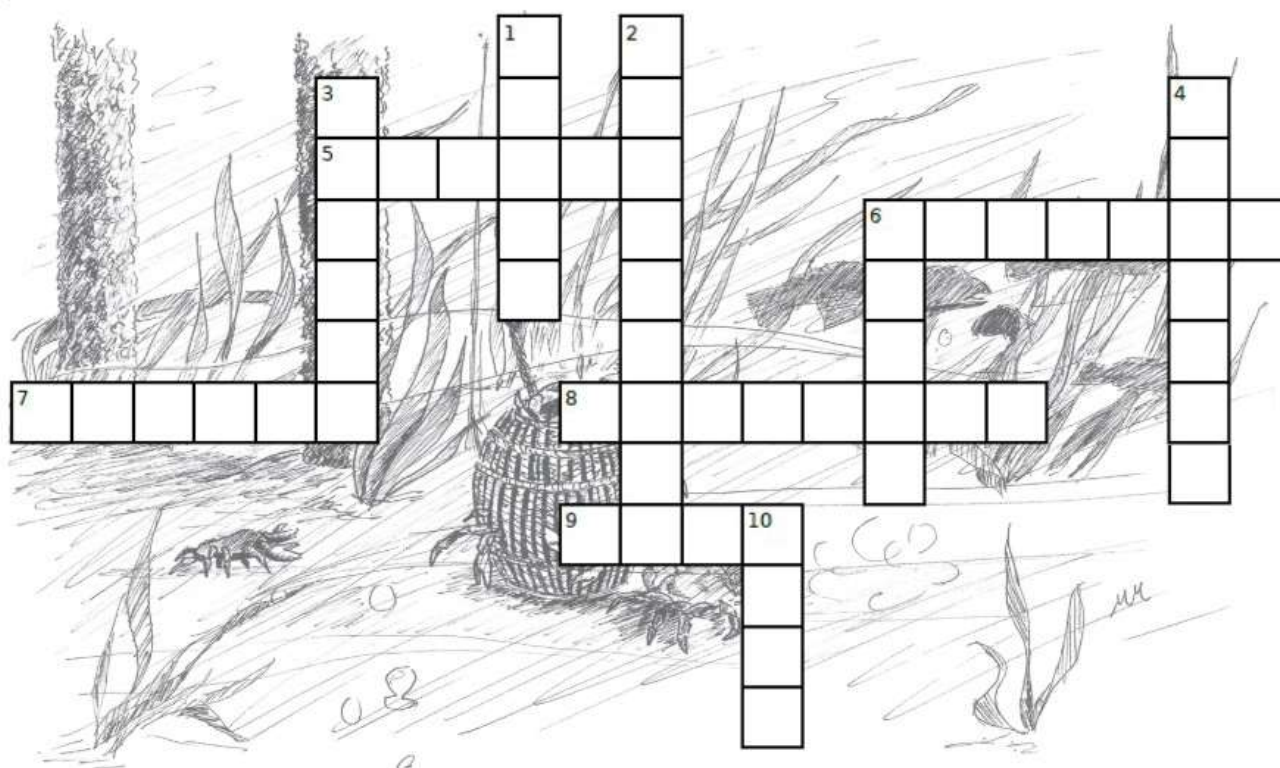
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5. *Similes*. Circle the comparing word. Then write the two things that are being compared. *Then [Gideon] dropped like a rock into the dark water.* \_\_\_\_\_
6. *Similes*. Circle the comparing word. Then write the two things that are being compared. *The answer hit [Andi] like a bucket of icy Puget Sound water.* \_\_\_\_\_
7. What fear does Andi overcome by the end of the story? \_\_\_\_\_
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## Summer on the Sound: Vocabulary Crossword

Use the word bank and the definitions to solve this crossword puzzle of words from the story.

clammy dissolve canopy auburn bluff scuttle  
kelp pier pilings swell tentative



### DOWN:

1. a steep slope or cliff found along the shoreline
2. not certain; hesitant
3. a covering
4. the heavy posts supporting the piers or buildings along the waterfront
6. a series of waves traveling across the water
10. a platform leading out from the shore and over the water

### ACROSS:

5. reddish-brown in color
6. a quick, shuffling pace
7. damp and slimy to the touch
8. to disintegrate into smaller units
9. a type of large, brown seaweed



## Summer on the Sound: Barnacles and Crabs

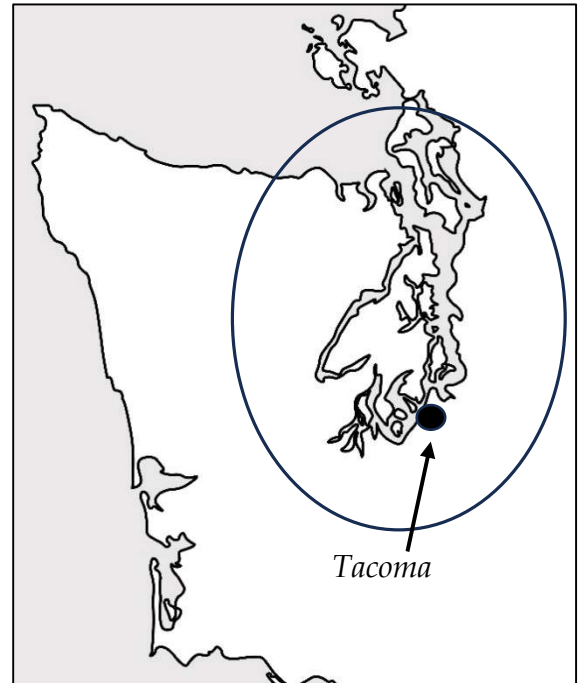
The icy waters of Puget Sound in Washington state are home to thousands of different species of sea life, from the famous “killer whale” (orca) to the giant octopus (150 pounds!) to the microscopic zooplankton (a major food source for many of the sea animals). “Summer on the Sound” mentions barnacles and crabs.

**Barnacles** are animals related to crabs, but they stay in

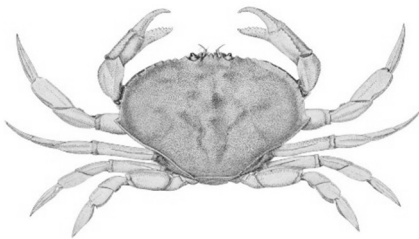


one place. They will hitch a permanent ride on a whale, or attach themselves to pilings, boats, or anything that sits in

the water over time. A barnacle’s hard shell protects the fragile animal inside. When the tide comes in, the barnacle opens up, and tiny feelers stretch out from the shell, sweeping the seawater inside. The barnacle eats the microscopic plankton in the water. When the barnacle dies, it dissolves, leaving the hard, sharp shell behind.



**Dungeness Crab** The little mud crabs the kids caught are not edible, but Dungeness crabs are good eating! Each year, the crabs “molt” as they grow out of their old shells. The new shell is soft, and the crabs are at risk from predators until their hard, dark-purplish shells harden. In modern days, Dungeness crabs reach between six and seven inches across the back of their shells, but in Andi’s day, some grew as large as ten inches across! That means the crab might be eight to ten years old. When a Dungeness crab is boiled, its dark shell turns a beautiful, brightly colored red-orange.



Watch a two-minute video that lets you watch a barnacle using its feelers to eat, and then you can watch someone catch crabs by lowering a crab pot off the dock, just like the Grant kids did.

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Write one new thing you learned about barnacles by watching the video.

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Write one new thing you learned about catching crabs by watching the video.

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## The Lost Mine Chapters 1-3

"The Lost Mine" is really two related stories, where the main story is "framed" by another story, for the purpose of setting the stage. Answer these questions about the "story within a story."

1. Who is the main character in the framing story? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who is the main character in the main story? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is setting of the framing story? Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the setting of the main story? Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_
5. How many years have passed between the framing story and the main story? \_\_\_\_\_
6. List the names and ages of the Carter children at the time of the main story.

Name	Age



*Chad Aaron Carter*

7. Name Chad's and Mitch's horses. Chad: \_\_\_\_\_ Mitch: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Why doesn't Chad want Mitch to tell anybody about the mine? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Match these vocabulary words with their definitions. Write "noun," "verb," or "adjective" for the word's part of speech. The first one has been done as an example.

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| 9. <u>D</u> sinkhole <u>noun</u> _____ | A. gloomy, depressing, grim                           |
| 10. _____ pondered _____               | B. someone who spoils an activity by not joining in   |
| 11. _____ spoilsport _____             | C. with longing                                       |
| 12. _____ dismal _____                 | D. hole in the ground caused by underground collapse. |
| 13. _____ reinforce _____              | E. a color describing a horse's red coat              |
| 14. _____ sorrel _____                 | F. emphasize, strengthen, fortify                     |
| 15. _____ wistfully _____              | G. thought about it, considered                       |



## The Lost Mine Chapters 4-7

1. Chad asks himself "What should I do?" when he tries to think of a way to rescue Mitch from the mine's air shaft. For each possibility Chad considers, write the reason it won't work.

A. He could go down the shaft after Mitch. \_\_\_\_\_

B. He could use a lantern and go into the mine until he finds the airshaft. \_\_\_\_\_

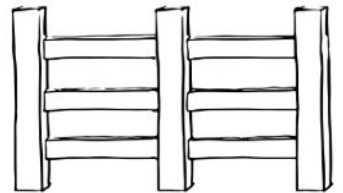
C. He could lower their lassos into the hole and pull Mitch up. \_\_\_\_\_

2. What does Chad finally decide he must do? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why is Chad "scared half to death" to face his father? \_\_\_\_\_

4. *Think!* Has there ever been a time when you were afraid to tell your mother or father about something you did that you knew you should not have done? \_\_\_\_\_ Write a few sentences to explain what it was, how you felt, and how it turned out in the end.

5. *Similes*. Circle the comparing word. Then write the two things that are being compared. *[Chad] closed his eyes and tried to keep himself straight and stiff as a fence post.*

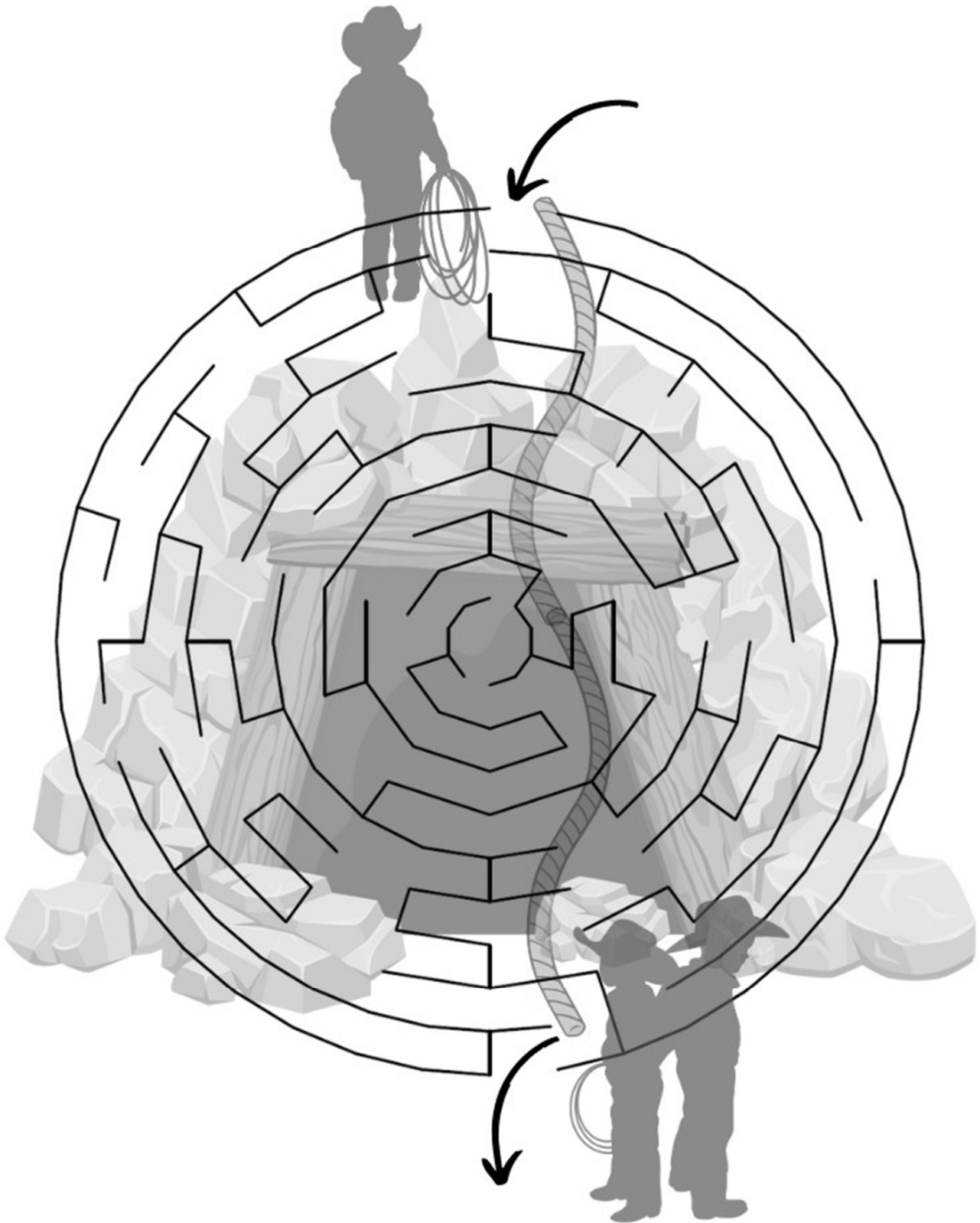


6. *Metaphors*. Do you remember? A metaphor is like a simile, but it paints a word picture without using "as," "like," or "than." What does this metaphor mean? *[Chad] counted to one hundred, waiting on pins and needles for the rope to return.*

7. True or false? Chad's story convinces Andi to stay away from the "lost mine" for good.

## The Lost Mine: Help Chad Rescue Mitch

Mitch is trapped at the bottom of a mine's air shaft. Follow the maze as Chad brings a rope to Mitch, so Father can pull him up to safety.



## Andi's New Year's Gala Chapters 1-4

1. Why is Andi resistant to going to San Francisco for the 1881 New Year's celebration?

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2. List the three stages of the Carter family's trip to San Francisco.

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3. Which stage does Andi dread the most and why? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Color Aunt Rebecca's house according to the description on page 123. What does Andi compare this house to?

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5. *Think!* Chapter 2 lists so many New Year's traditions that Andi's head spins. Which tradition did you find the silliest and why? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. *Auld lang syne* is Scottish for "times long past, "days gone by," or even "long, long ago." This song is traditionally sung on New Year's Eve. Go to the online activities to read the words and listen to "Auld Lang Syne" at: [CircleCBooks.com/Adventures/#tales-8](http://CircleCBooks.com/Adventures/#tales-8)

7. What message did Andi read on one of the young men's visiting cards?

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8. *Think!* How do you and your family and/or friends celebrate New Year's Eve and/or New Year's Day? Write your answer in a short paragraph with proper punctuation.

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## Andi's New Year's Gala: A Victorian New Year's Day

Andi and Melinda are stunned when they read the newspaper ad inviting gentlemen (and family)

**Of Interest to New Year's Callers.**  
Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Cross will receive at their home, corner of Union and Tenth on New Year's.

Owing to sickness at the residence of Dr. Davenport, Mrs. Davenport, Miss Boory and Miss Allen, will receive with Mrs. J. Jay Buck at her residence on Constitution street, between Eight and Ninth avenues, after 12 m.

Mrs. J. B. Halleck and Mrs. A. McKinney will receive with Mrs. L. L. Halleck, at her residence, corner Tenth and Merchants.

Mrs. H. C. Whitley, assisted by Mrs. G. W. Newman and Misses Cora Borton and Julia Kirk, will receive their friends at the Whitley residence, corner Eleventh and Neosho.

Misses Tillie and Emma Porterfield and Miss Annie Elstun will receive at the residence of Mr. Porterfield, on Merchants street, between Ninth and Tenth.

Miss Minnie Flannigan, and Misses Annie and Dove Mitchell will receive their friends on New Year's day at the residence of Mrs. J. C. Burnett, on Exchange street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

Miss Gracie Hood and Miss Lucy Trueworthy, will see their friends at the residence of Mr. C. Hood, corner of State and Sixth.

callers to Aunt Rebecca's home from noon until three o'clock. In reality, however, the calling hours often lasted from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on New Year's Day. Here is a newspaper ad similar to the one the girls read. It is from Emporia, Kansas, December 31, 1880, and lists families that are receiving callers on New Year's Day.

### What About the Food?

These visitations were all about the food, the visiting cards, and the lavish styles many girls and young ladies dressed up in. Here is an excerpt from a New Year's Day buffet that features a plum cake. For real!

*"The largest plum cake ever exhibited in America can be seen at Amelie's Saloon, no. 395 Broadway. It is an immense mass of the richest materials, weighing over three thousand pounds, and is 18 inches larger in diameter than the cake of last year. It is deservedly called the Ne Plus Ultra. [this is Latin for "no more beyond," or as we might say, "the best of the best."] An elegant Grecian Temple, ornamented with exquisite taste, contains this luscious Monster. Admission to the cake 12 ½ cents. The cake will be cut on Monday next for New Year's Day."*



throughout American cities, women (usually the wealthy) prepared for the big day. The buffet had to be elegant and luxurious, set with the matron's finest china and silver, and ample enough to feed over 100 callers. The lavish menu might include boned turkey, chicken salad, sandwiches, jellied tongue, pickled oyster, iced plum cake, pound cakes, macaroons, Dutch crullers, and other sweets.

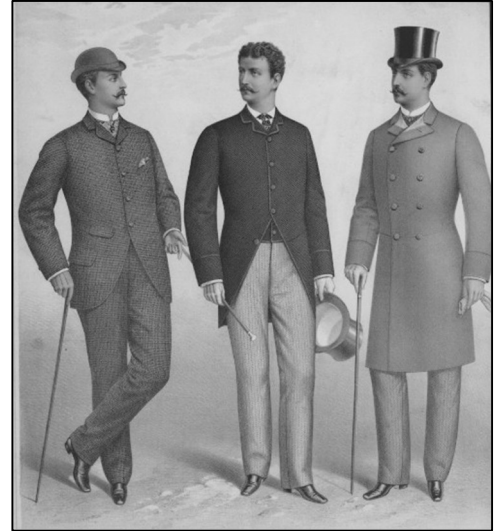
And of course, the ladies wore their best finery and jewels.

# Andi's New Year's Gala: A Victorian New Year's Day

## What About the Gentlemen Callers?

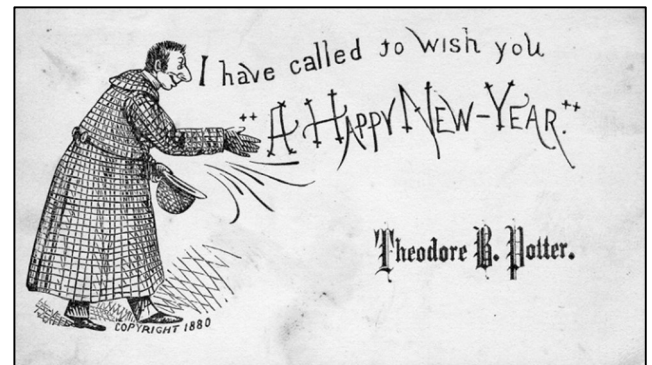
They wore their finest. Their goal appeared to be seeing how many homes they could visit during this one day. In 1866, a young man—John Ward—related his New Year's travels in his journal:

*"Called at 107 houses, leaving cards at 36 of them, and finding 71 at home. Started at Washington Square, thence to Bond St, up 2nd to 17th, to Union Square, down the east side to 10th St, up the West Side to 21st, then back and forth, east and west of Fifth Avenue until we reached 47th Street."*



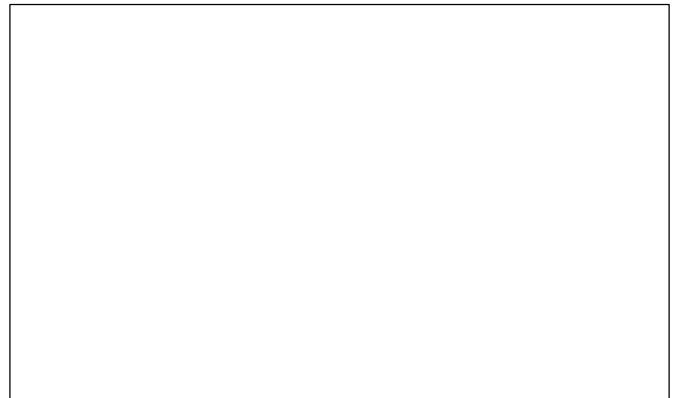
## What About the Visiting Cards?

The gentlemen left their calling (visiting) cards at every home and with any of the girls and young ladies. The one to the right is an 1880 example of a visiting card. Some, like the one Benjamin Wright leaves with Andi, are a bit more personal.



## Create Visiting/Calling Cards

Have fun creating calling cards. A gentleman's card was simple, with bold print, his name, and sometimes a note or message. A lady's card was more elaborate, with flowers, ribbons, birds, or butterflies. A lady's card was often printed in color. Create a card for Andi, yourself, or a friend or family member. The important thing to remember is that you must include a name, so the recipient of the card can remember you by. Cut them out and laminate them if you want. (page 200, the answer key, is on the back, but you can use a blank piece of paper to cover it up.)

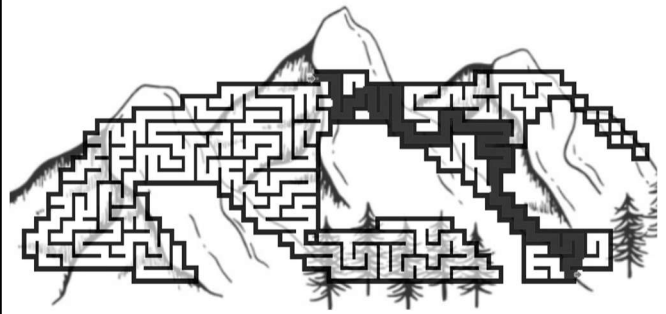


# Answer Key: More Tales from the Circle C Ranch – 1

## Roping Gone Wrong Page 179: Chapters 1-5

1. Taffy's leg was injured.
2. Josh will do Andi's chores; Andi will get Melinda to sit with Josh on the porch swing with lemonade.
3. call, cows, calves, cocky, cowhands
4. Answers will vary.
5. headache, dizziness, body aches, bleeding, bruises
6. Andi's lasso
7. It means to be fired from your job.
8. She split up from her riding partner.
9. Choo-nook
10. B, D, A, C

## Roping Gone Wrong Page 182 Maze



## Roping Gone Wrong Page 180: Vocabulary

1. F **nouns:** lariat, copse, optimism
2. C laudanum, greenhorn
3. J **verbs:** suspended, scrabbled,
4. A groped
5. I **adjectives:** farfetched, scanty
6. H
7. B
8. G Answers will vary for student's
9. E created sentences.
10. D

## Icy Encounter Page 183 Chapters 1-5

1. B, A, C
2. Elevation: 14,505 ft. Location: California. mt. range: Sierra Nevada; Highest mt: Mount Whitney; closest town: Lone Pine
3. C, H, A, I, B, D, F, E, M, K, J, G, L

## Icy Encounter Page 184 Chapters 6-10

1. They are steel animal traps.
2. Elevation: 14,505 feet. Location: California.  
Mountain Range: Sierra Nevada. Highest Peak: Mount Whitney.  
Closest Town: Lone Pine, CA.
3. B, F, H, D, A, E, C, G
4. Maddie does not want her trapped animals to suffer.
5. false

## A Close Call Page 189: Chapters 1-3

1. Like a giant silver dollar sitting next to a teensy dime.
2. two; circle; cyclus
3. three circles
4. B
5. "like"; concerns to "water droplets"
6. Andi is afraid the bicycle might stall and topple over.
7. Charles Spencer; illustrations are drawings.

## A Close Call Page 190:

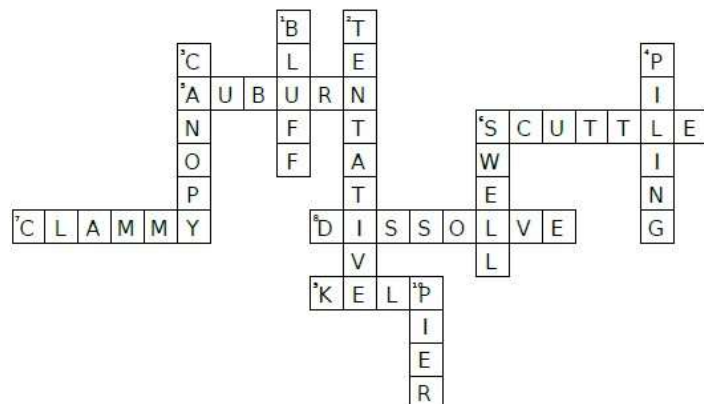
### History of the Bicycle Timeline

1817 – E	1869 – G
1819 – B	1870s – A
1839 – F	1889 – D
1866 – C	

## Summer on the Sound Page 191: Chapters 1-5

1. 30 words; \$5.00 - .50 = \$4.50; 4.50 divided by .15 = 30
2. Andi is afraid of the water.
3. the sun shining on the water droplets
4. Mrs. M (the author) hit herself in the face.
5. comparing word: "like" Gideon to a rock.
6. comparing word: "like" answer to icy Puget Sound water.
7. her fear of water.

## Summer on the Sound Page 192: Vocabulary Crossword



## Answer Key: More Tales from the Circle C Ranch – 2

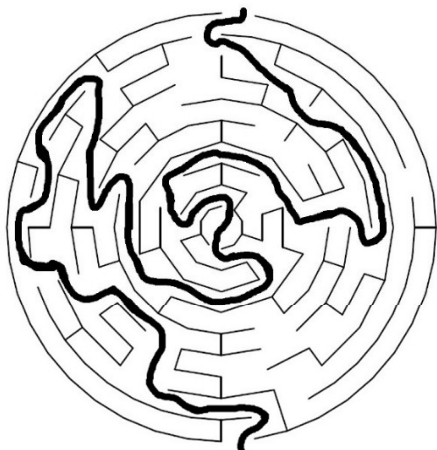
### The Lost Mine Page 194:

#### Chapters 1-3

1. Andi Carter
2. Chad Carter
3. Circle C ranch; 1881
4. Circle C ranch; 1864
5. 16 years
6. Justin – 13, Chad – 12, Kate – 10, Mitch – 7, Melinda – toddler
7. Chad's horse – Sky  
Mitch's horse – Chase
8. The boys (Chad especially) are not supposed to be there.
9. D – noun
10. G – verb
11. B – noun
12. A – adjective
13. F – verb
14. E – adjective
15. C – adjective

### The Lost Mine Page 196:

#### Lost Mine Maze



### The Lost Mine Page 195:

#### Chapters 4-7

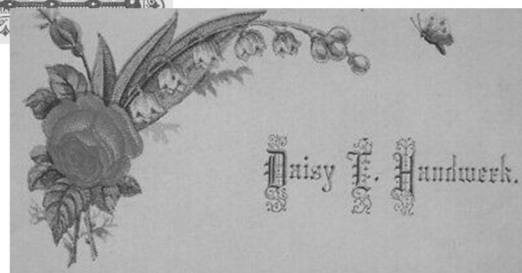
1. A. It's too deep. (or) Chad might fall and smash Mitch. (or) Rocks and debris might break loose from the sides and fall on Mitch.  
B. Chad is not that brave. (or) He might not find his way if the tunnel split.  
C. The tied lassos are not long enough to reach the bottom of the shaft.
2. Chad decides to go home and get help.
3. Because he realizes he has disobeyed and now Mitch might die.
4. Answers will vary.
5. "as"; Chad to a fence post.
6. "Waiting on pins and needles" means to wait anxiously or restlessly for something to happen.
7. true

### Andi's New Year's Gala Page 197

#### Chapters 1-4

1. Her mare, Taffy, is due to foal soon.
2. -the surrey ride to town  
-the railroad trip to Oakland  
-the ferry trip across San Francisco Bay
3. Andi likes the ferry ride least of all because of the icy, dark water that hits her in the face.
4. the gingerbread house in the fairytale "Hansel and Gretel."
5. Answers will vary.
6. online activity
7. *Remember me. May I call on you?*
8. Answers will vary.

### Andi's New Year's Gala Page 199: Sample Visiting Cards



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