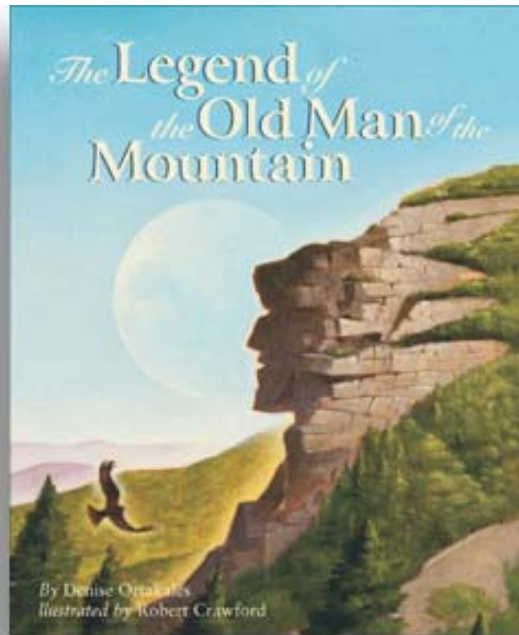


Teacher's Guide



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"The Legend of the Old Man of the Mountain tells a beautiful and charming tale, offering a fitting homage to New Hampshire's famous, beloved, and deeply mourned Old Man. Imagining great Chief Pemigewasset reunited with his love will be a great comfort, helping to fill the gap in the reader's heart left by the Old Man's demise, even though the gap on the cliff remains."

--Donna Urey, White Birch Books, North Conway, NH

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Comprehension

Discuss these questions within your reading group after you read the story?

1. Why would it offend the other tribe if Pemigewasset didn't go with Minerwa to see her father?
2. Why do you think Pemigewasset searched for Minerwa in his dreams?
3. What do you think happened to Minerwa?
4. Why do you think Pemigewasset became sick? What did he die from?

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Word Search

Find the words below in the puzzle and circle them.
Some of the letters are used twice and some aren't used at all.

T R Z V E C A F E N O T S F Y
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A I D S L A N G I S E K O M S
E R N N G X R U S B W N K S W
H R I O O A I A J A A I G A M
N A W W N O W E H C L K N I E
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B Z O N O O M S R E T N U H E

Abenaki
Minerwa
Broken Heart
Cannon
Canoe
Cliff

Cold
Fishing
Franconia
Granite
Harvest Moon
Hunters Moon

Legend
Mohawk
Pemigewasset
Profile Lake
Sagamore
Smoke Signals

Snow
Stone Face
Warrior
White Mountains
Wigwam
Wind

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See Resource section for answers to puzzle.

The Native Year

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The Abenaki Indians lived in parts of New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine and lower Québec. Abenaki means “Children of the Dawn” because they lived in the east where the sun first greets the day. They named their months for the activities they performed during that time of year. Since their calendar followed the cycle of the moon, you will notice that they had one more month than our present calendar.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Native Name</u>	<u>Translation</u>
January	Alamikos	Greeting Time Moon
February	Piaôdagos	Falling Branch Moon
March	Mozokas	Moose Hunter Moon
13 th moon	Sigwankas	Spring Season Maker Moon
April	Sogalikas	Sugar-Maker Moon
May	Kikas	Field Planting Moon
June	Nokkahigas	Hoeing Moon
July	Temaskikos	Hay-Maker or Berry Ripening Moon
August	Temezôwas	Harvesting Moon
September	Skamonkas	Corn-Reaping Moon
October	Penibagos	Leaf-Falling Moon
November	Mezatanokas	Freezing River Moon
December	Pebonkas	Winter Moon

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The Native Year

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If you were to rename the months according to the activities you do in that month, what would you call them? Snow-Sledding Month? Splash-in-the-Puddles Month? Or how about Mosquito-Swatting Month? Which month would be Buy-New-School-Clothes Month? Write down your ideas for the names of each month.

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

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Scavenger Hunt

See if you can find any of these items online . The websites listed in the resources section should get you started.

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> a license plate with the Old Man on it. | <input type="checkbox"/> Old Man |
| <input type="checkbox"/> an Old Man postcard | <input type="checkbox"/> poetry about the Old Man |
| <input type="checkbox"/> the Profile House | <input type="checkbox"/> a diagram or explanation of how he fell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a before and after the fall picture | <input type="checkbox"/> a quote by Daniel Webster |
| <input type="checkbox"/> the Old Man and an old car | <input type="checkbox"/> a stamp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> the Old Man Legacy Fund Memorial | <input type="checkbox"/> a coin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> the caretakers | <input type="checkbox"/> another face/rock formation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a different legend about the | <input type="checkbox"/> someone else's face on the old man |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> a turnbuckle |

Now see if you can find the answers to these questions:

1. What year was the Old Man first discovered by white men?
2. What caused him to fall?
3. What was the name of the first official caretaker from 1965-1991?
4. What was buried in the old man's left eye?
5. When was the old man first mentioned in print?
6. Which two US Presidents visited the old man?

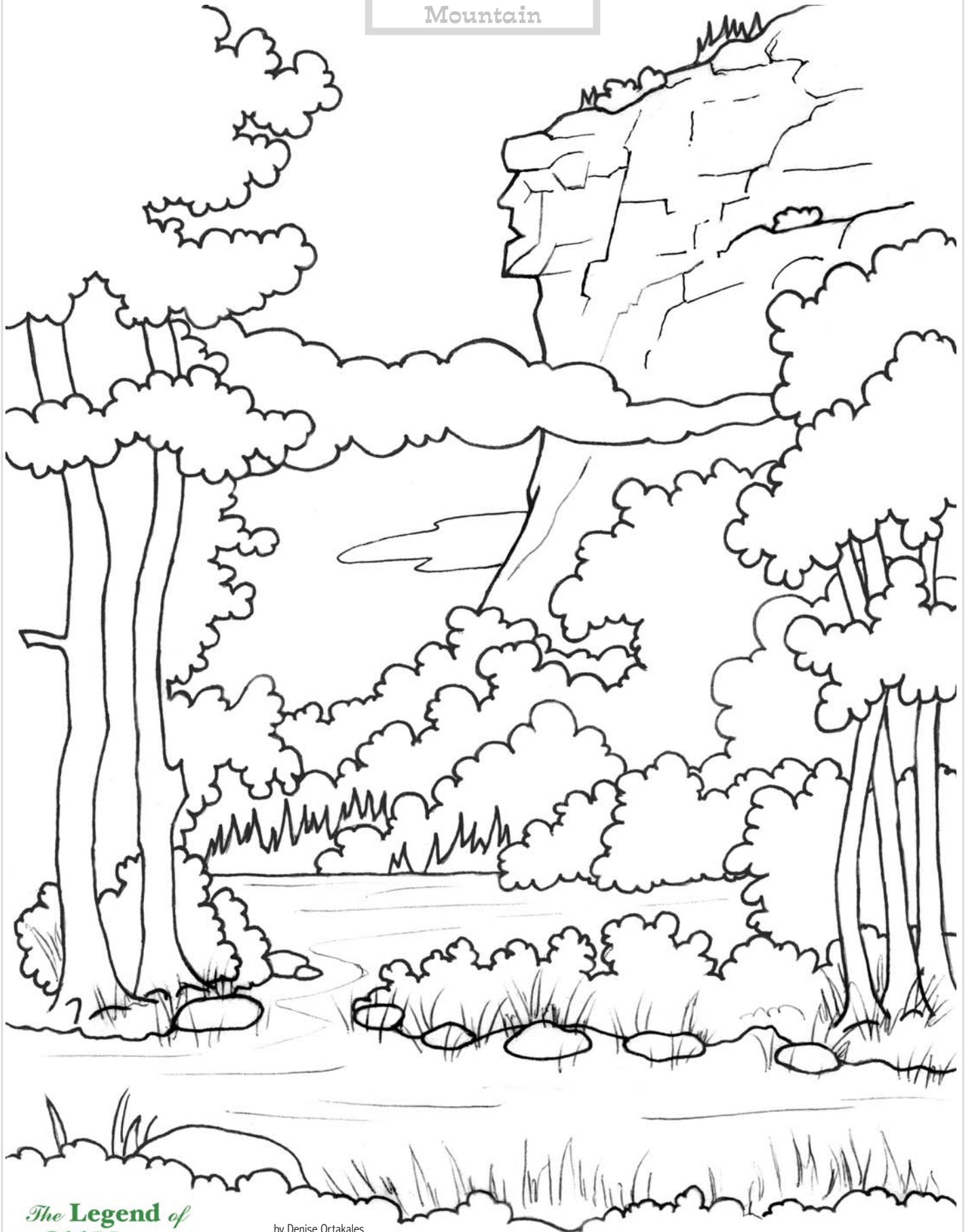
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See Resource section for answers to questions.

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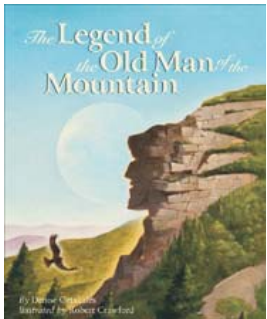


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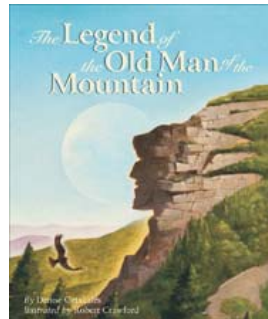


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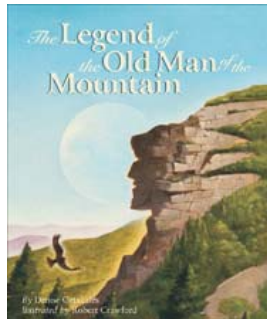


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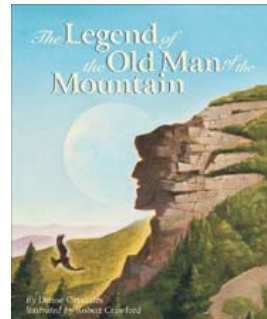


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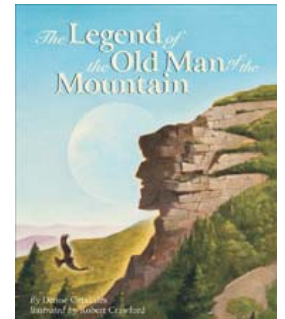


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Denise Ortakales began her career in paper sculpture illustration when she was five years old. "I can remember creating a wonderful three-dimensional flower garden." Cutting-and-pasting has always been one of her favorite pastimes.

After high school, Denise went to Greenfield Community College in Massachusetts to learn Graphic Design. Then she married and had children. In 1997 she decided to go back to school to study illustration at the Art Institute of Boston and graduated in 1999.

Her work has appeared in adult, and children's magazines like *Spider*, *Ladybug* and *Cobblestone*. Other children's books she has illustrated include *Planets* (Grosset & Dunlap, 2000) by Jennifer Dussling, *Sex & Babies: First Facts* (Magination Press, 2002) by Jane Annunziata and Marc A. Nemiroff, and *Good Morning, Garden* (NorthWord Press, 2004) by Barbara Brenner. She has also written a children's book which will be published in Fall 2004 called *The Legend of the Old Man of the Mountain*, illustrated by Robert Crawford (Sleeping Bear Press.)

Denise's illustrations have won awards in the Annual 3-Dimensional Illustrators Award Show and other shows.. A lifelong resident of Laconia, New Hampshire, she lives with her husband and two sons. You can learn more about Denise on her website



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Robert Crawford graduated with a BFA from Rhode Island School of Design. His paintings have appeared on the cover of major magazines such as *Fortune*, *Business Week*, *The Atlantic* and *U.S. News and World Report* as well as book covers for best-selling books published by Random House, Penguin/Putnam, Avon and other major publishers. His work is popular with advertising agencies and is much sought after by Fortune 500 companies like IBM, Dupont and Ford.

Robert's work has won numerous awards from the Society of Illustrators, Communication Arts, *Graphis* and *Print*. His paintings have been included in group shows in New York, Japan and Germany. His work has been selected for permanent collection by the United States government and major corporations such as British Petroleum. Some other notable collector's include, Richard Reeves, the presidential historian, and Edward Gordon of ABC television. Robert's studio is located in northwest Ct.

Resources

Websites

Old Man of the Mountain Memorial

<http://www.nh.gov/visitors/oldman.htm>

New Hampshire State Emblem

<http://www.nh.gov/nhinfo/emblem.html>

Old Man of the Mountain Historic Site

<http://www.nhstateparks.org/state-parks/alphabetical-order/franconia-notch-state-park/old-man-of-the-mountain-historic-site/>

Old Man of the Mountain Legacy Fund

<http://www.oldmanofthemountainlegacyfund.org/>

Autopsy of the Old Man of the Mountain

http://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2003AM/finalprogram/abstract_66276.htm

Revisiting the Fall of the Old Man of the Mountain

http://www.geotimes.org/june04/feature_oldman.html

Mount Washington Observatory: Old Man of the Mountain

<http://www.mountwashington.org/about/visitor/oldman.php>

Old Man of the Mountain Museum

<http://www.allroutes.to/franconia/manmuseum/>

Poems & Ballads: The Old Man of the Mountain

<http://www.seacoastnh.com/poems/oldman.html>

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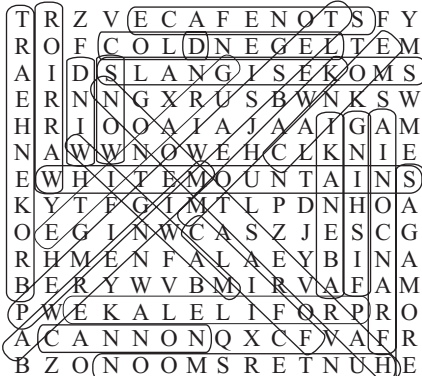
Wikipedia: Old Man of the Mountain

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_Man_of_the_Mountain

Answers

Scavenger Hunt

- 1805
- the weather, freezing/thawing cycle.
- Neils Neilson
- Neils Neilson's cremated remains
- 1827 in the American Journal of Science
- Ulysses S. Grant in 1869, and Dwight D. Eisenhower for the 150th Anniversary in 1955.



Further Reading

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