

The Very Secret Map

What treasure can be found using the secret map?

ENGAGE

Start the lesson by showing the "The Very Secret Map" inspiration card and then read the following story (feel free to copy the story onto chart paper or even provide a personal copy to students):

"CLUNK!" the tip of Digger Dan's spade has struck something hard. Eddie the Explorer has been waiting for years to hear that sound. This time, Eddie and his partner Digger Dan have definitely hit something big! They recently found the secret map that everyone had been talking about. It was hidden in a hole in the wall of an ancient jungle pyramid. Although Digger Dan is used to reading maps, this one was so confusing that he had dug holes all over the town to no avail. Until now! They are both so excited that they can't wait to dig further. The map only gives one clue as to what they will find. The clue is in the form of a short poem that they must recite while digging:
"For those who dare Fortune lies there"—What do you think they will find?

EXPLORE

Using their LEGO bricks, have students build what hidden treasure Digger Dan and Eddie will find!

EXPLAIN

When the students have finished their models, ask questions like:

- Tell us about your treasure.
- Why did you select this for your treasure?
- What was difficult about your build?
- If you had unlimited bricks/elements, what other kind of treasure(s) would you have built?

ELABORATE

Have students write a narrative to accompany their treasure story. Make sure to include the parts of a narrative:

- Establish a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally
- Use dialogue and descriptions of actions, thoughts, and feelings to develop experiences and events or show the response of characters to situations.
- Use temporal words and phrases to signal event order
- Provide a sense of closure

EXTEND

Have students pair up to form a small group. Have the groups share out their stories with one another. Then, find a way to combine the two stories into one narrative!

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THE VERY SECRET MAP INSPIRATION CARD

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