

My journal

Kaitlin Greenbriar





Hi, this is Katie.

I just got back home after having spent a year in Europe.

Believe me, there are so many great places in Europe!

I definitely have to tell you more about my fantastic trip!

But now, I really need your help!

I called my mum earlier to tell her that I'll be home late but when arriving at our house I noticed that my family is gone! There is absolutely no one! No mum, no dad and my sister Sam is missing, too! I'm really starting to get worried: where are they? What has happened?

Task 1: possible solution



I think Katie's family is missing because they wanted to go hiking in the woods but got lost there. Maybe they have already called the police or a ranger for help and they are already on their way back to their house.



Solution

Katie Greenbriar

1) Fill in the missing information



2) Complete Katie's profile

age: 21

places she has visited when she was in Europe:

Paris, London, Brussels, Barcelona, Amsterdam, Zurich, Milan

3) What were Katie's hobbies when she was in school?

Her hobbies were long jump (trophy for 1st place in 1991) and she took part in a girls 100 meter relay (1st place in 1990).



4) What do you think? Why did Katie decide to go a year abroad?

(Write about 30-40 words. Write in full sentences.)

I think Katie wanted to see and explore more cities than only her hometown. In Europe she was able to experience more adventures and visit many new places.

Sam Greenbriar



1) Complete Sam's profile

age: 17

Hobbies: writing & recording journals,
hunting ghosts

new school: Goodfellow High School

friends: only friend Lonnie

2) Sam is writing and recording a journal to let her sister know what was going on at home while Katie was in Europe. Listen to her recording after her 1st day at her new school. What happened after she said where she moved in and what was she called? Everyone turned towards her and looked at her like she would transform into a mutant. They called her 'Psycho House Girl'.

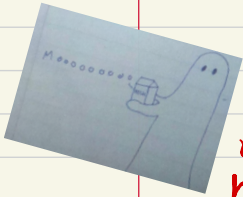
Solution



Why do you think the others called her that?

Maybe they called her that because something mysterious happened in the house

3) What did Sam write down on the 31st August 1994 at 1.13am?



She wrote: 'A tall shadow in the upstairs room. When I rounded the corner, no one was there. How tall was Uncle Oscar? (Note: I was not wearing my glasses.)'

4) What is the title of the story that Sam wrote on 1st December 92?

The title is 'Heaven at the Edge of the World -
'The Green Glacier Part 2'



Lonnie

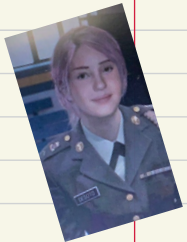
1) Write down Lonnie's full name: Yolanda De Soto

2) Listen to Sam's recording 'Big Gold Star'. Sam describes Lonnie. What does Sam say? Write it down.

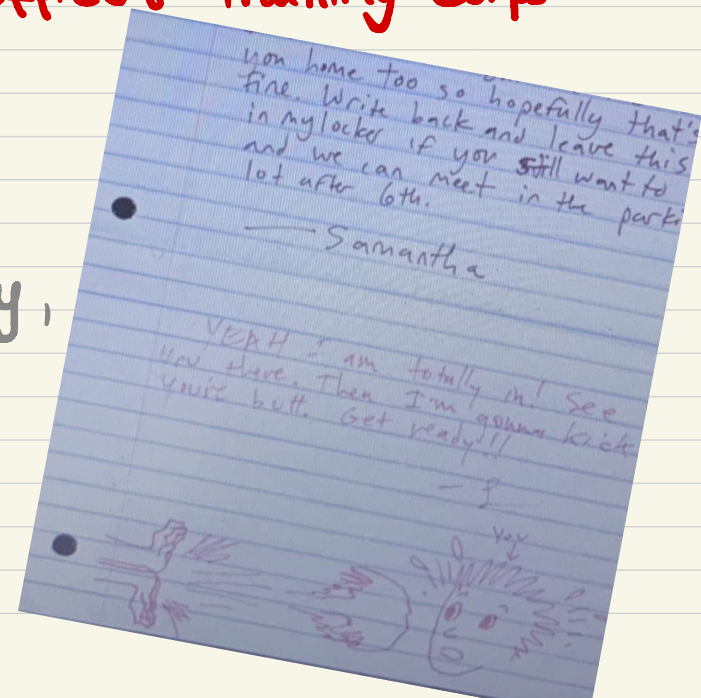
Sam says: 'Well, there's a girl, I think she's a senior. She's usually dressed ... kind of punk. But sometimes I see her in this, like, army uniform? And she's always drawing in this notebook, looking so intense.'

3) Why does Lonnie sometimes wear army clothes?

Lonnie joined the school's Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program (JROTC).



4) After Sam and Lonnie became friends quickly, Sam invited Lonnie to her home to play video games. Find Sam's note and write down Lonnie's answer.





5) Something changed between Sam and Donnie? What was the reason?

When Donnie came over to Sam's house, she behaved strangely. She wouldn't look into Sam's eyes. When Sam asked her what was going on, Donnie answered that she felt like she had done something wrong. When Sam said no, Donnie leaned towards her and kissed her.

6) Sam's parents found out about Sam and Donnie. What was their reaction? What did Sam mean when she said 'one very long phase'?

When Sam's parents found out about Donnie and her, they were in denial. They told her that they were too young to know what they wanted and that it was just a phase.

When saying 'a very long phase' Sam referred to the fact that of course for her, the relationship with Donnie wasn't a short one but a long and serious one.

'A Very Long Phase'

Solution



Dad Terrence

- 1) Do you know Dad Terrence?
Complete the profile with the missing information

age: 44

job: author

- 2) Why did the family move into the house in Boon County?

Terrence inherited the house from his Uncle Oscar. They moved there after Uncle Oscar had passed.

- 3) Complete the title of Terrence's book:
'The accidental savior'

- 4) Dad Terrence was 12 years old when he last saw Uncle Oscar.
Find out more about Uncle Oscar and complete the newspaper article.

Mum Janice



- 1) Find more information about Mum Janice and fill in her profile.

age: 45

job: Senior conservationist for the State Forestry Service

friend: former roommate Carol

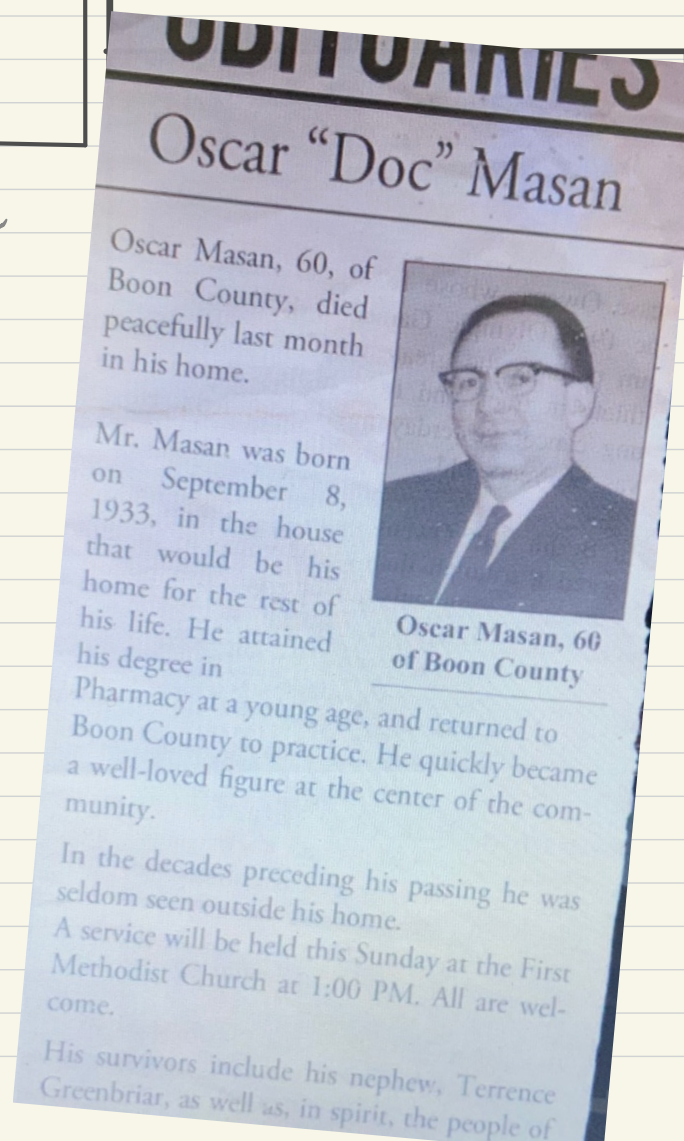
- 2) Find Janice's weekly planner.

When did she have cooking classes?

She had cooking classes every Wednesday.

On what day did she cook for Terrence and Sam?

She cooked the big meal on a Friday.





possible text for
recording

Message for Sam

'Hi Sam, I really can't believe what happened. Can you imagine how surprised and worried I was when you all were not at home?

I'm glad you left your journal for me so I was able to understand what has happened when I was in Europe.

First of all, how awkward it must have been for you when the other kids called you 'Psycho House Girl'? I mean, it wasn't really your decision to move to that new place. Do you really think that Uncle Oscar is still living in the house? As a ghost...? I don't know if I can believe this...

It's not easy to know that you ran away with Lonnie. Don't get me wrong... I'm really happy for you! And Lonnie sounds like a nice girl and I could tell that you are happy with her and I was so glad to hear that.

I just think that maybe we all, mum, dad, you, Lonnie and me could talk about that one more time...? Maybe we would have convinced them. I still hope that you will come back soon and we can talk about it all...'