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EXTENSION ACTIVITIES CHOICE BOARD

Choose at least one activity to complete. These activities help you think deeply about the story and make creative connections!

Swamp Survival

Create a comprehensive “Survival Guide for the Balfour Island Swamps” as if you’re a Tarkana student preparing others for the competition.

Your guide must include:

- a labeled map showing dangerous areas
- Creature profiles for at least 4 creatures with danger ratings
- survival tips
- emergency protocols (what to do if attacked, lost, or injured)
- recommended supplies with explanations

Character Interview

Conduct an in-depth interview with Abigail or Hugo about the events of chapters 16-20. Your interview must include: 10 thoughtful questions that go beyond the basic plot. Detailed answers that match the character’s voice and personality. At least 3 questions that explore the character’s emotions and motivations. At least 2 questions that connect to themes or the character’s growth.

Author’s Craft Analysis

Write a 2-3 paragraph literary analysis examining how Alane Adams uses setting to create suspense and develop the plot.

Your essay must include:

- An introduction with a clear thesis statement
- Body paragraph(s) with at least 4 specific examples from the story
- Analysis of how each example supports your thesis
- Discussion of author’s techniques (imagery, foreshadowing, pacing)
- A conclusion that connects to larger themes

Theme Exploration

Create a visual poster that explores one major theme from chapters 16-20 (friendship, courage, identity, or belonging).

Your poster must include:

- Theme statement clearly displayed
- At least 5 quotes from chapters 16-20 that illustrate the theme
- Visual elements (drawings, symbols, colors) that represent the theme
- Personal connection: How does this theme relate to your life?
- Modern-day examples of this theme

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✓ Creature Hierarchy Poster

Create a visual poster showing the complete hierarchy of Tarkana creatures that Madame Barbosa teaches about.

Your poster must include:

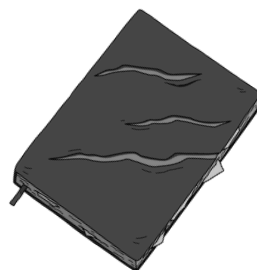
- All creatures ranked from lowest to highest
- Illustrations or detailed descriptions of each creature
- Difficulty rating for taming each one
- Special abilities or characteristics
- Why some are ranked higher than others
- Which students captured which creatures
- Your own rating system (danger level, usefulness, etc.)

✓ Endera's Diary

Write 3-4 diary entries from Endera's point of view during chapters 16-20.

Your entries must include:

- Her feelings about the competition
- Her thoughts about Abigail
- Her plan to win the competition
- Her reaction to making the bet
- Her personality coming through (mean, competitive, confident)
- Interactions with other characters



Self-Check Before Turning In:

☐	I completed all parts of my chosen activity
☐	I used specific details from the story
☐	I showed creativity and original thinking
☐	My work is neat and easy to read
☐	I checked spelling and punctuation
☐	I put my best effort into this work

Great job thinking deeply about this story!