

2.2 *The mysterious Mothman!*

Aim: Create a poster about an unsolved mystery and give a group presentation

Preparation: You will need to supply poster paper, colored markers, scissors, and tape or glue. Make one copy of Worksheet 2.2 for every S.

Comment: Use at the end of Unit 2, Lesson B.

Think and Plan (10 minutes)

- Ss work in groups of four. Give each group four handouts, poster paper, markers, and access to scissors and tape or glue.
- Have Ss read the project objective and the questions under *Think*. Elicit Ss' responses to the first question. Then have them read the example mystery about the Mothman, and elicit responses to the second question.
- Go over the questions under *Plan*. Ask groups to brainstorm ideas and decide on a topic for their unsolved mystery.
- Have groups discuss what they will need for the poster and presentation. Each group member chooses an area to research outside of class.

Put together and Present (30 minutes)

- At the next class, Ss bring in their research and any images for the posters. Have groups share their research and assemble their posters. Then have groups practice giving their presentations. Set an appropriate time limit.
- Have groups show their posters to the class and give their presentations. Stop for questions after each presentation.
- Finally, ask the class to vote on which group had the best poster and presentation. Encourage Ss to give reasons for their votes. Discuss other explanations for each mystery. If possible, display the posters around the classroom or school.

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Worksheet 2.2

Objective

Create a poster about an unsolved mystery and give a group presentation.

Think

Do you believe there are logical explanations for strange creatures, UFOs, and other mysteries? Do you think there is any truth behind the story below?

MOTHMAN

What?
A two-meter tall humanlike creature with a moth's wings and red eyes. Half-man, half-bird.

Where?
First seen in 1966 near an abandoned chemical factory. Last "officially" seen in 1967 on Silver Bridge just before it collapsed.

Historical details?
Seen by hundreds of people near rural areas around Point Pleasant and Charleston, West Virginia, USA.

Explanations?
Some think Mothman could be a government experiment, an alien, or a chemical mutation. Others suggest it could actually be a Sandhill crane — a human-sized bird with two red markings.



Plan

1. In groups, brainstorm unsolved mysteries you've heard about. Choose one of the mysteries and answer as many of these questions as you can.
 - What is the unsolved mystery?
 - Where was it?
 - What are the historical details?
 - What are the explanations?
2. Assign each member of the group an area to research and present.
3. Decide what other information, images, and support materials you will need to make an appealing poster and give a presentation.
4. Do research. Make copies of any necessary information and images.

Put together

1. Share your information, images, and any support materials with your group. Then create a poster.
2. Practice giving a group presentation in a systematic way. Each member should present the part he or she has researched.

Present

1. Show your poster to the class and give your presentation.
2. Which group has the best poster and presentation?
3. What other explanations might there be for the mysteries?