

# Unit 5

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## Reader's Notebook

### The Mystery of the Bermuda Triangle

#### Before Reading

1. Predict – What do you think is mysterious about the Bermuda Triangle?

Answers will vary.

#### During Reading

#### What Is the Bermuda Triangle? and The Start of a Legend

1. Predict – How do you think the investigators will try to solve this mystery?

Answers will vary.

2. What clues would people look for when investigating the disappearance of ships and planes?

Pieces of wreckage, oil slicks, distress signals from people in wreck, plane or ship at bottom of ocean or on land.

3. What do you think is causing the disappearances in the Bermuda Triangle?

Answers will vary.

### Lost and Abandoned Ships

1. Why do you think it was more common for ships to disappear in the 1800s and early 1900s?

No radar, more basic instruments (no hi-tech navigation equipment), lack of knowledge about Earth, search equipment wasn't as advanced, search vehicles not as advanced, no satellites.

## Lost and Unusual Flights

1. Many times, no wreckage of lost planes is ever found in the Bermuda Triangle. What do you think might cause the pieces of the crashed planes to disappear?

- Currents in the ocean, wreckage sank to the bottom.
- Answers will vary.

## Looking for Answers and An Ongoing Legend

1. Why do you think so many more disappearances happened more than 30 years ago?

Airplanes and ships were not as advanced, maybe not built as well, equipment not as advanced, etc.