

Leepike Ridge by N.D. Wilson Literature Links



<http://www.ndwilson.com/>

Meet the author, N.D. Wilson. Take a look at his blog and bio information. Then as you read the story he has written see if you can answer a few questions.

1. Why do you think he wrote this particular book?
2. What messages does the author intend for you to take from the story?
3. Why do you think the author began the story as he did?

<http://www.wordcentral.com/cgi-bin/student?book=Student&va=allusion>

N.D. Wilson uses allusion in his writing. Can you think of other stories you have read that have also used allusion to tell a different story?

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Odyssey>

Read about the *Odyssey* here on Wikipedia. Please note that Wikipedia is free it is an encyclopedia written collaboratively by contributors around the world. The site is a Wiki - anybody can edit and add to an article.

Do you find similarities and differences in the main characters adventures?

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Adventures_of_Tom_Sawyer

Another book referenced by N.D. Wilson is *Tom Sawyer* from the similarities to his own story, can you tell if this classic was one of his favorites?

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robinson_Crusoe

After reading the Plot Summary from *Robinson Crusoe* and *Leepike Ridge* can you outline the major choices the main characters had make in each of the stories?

In your own words, describe the lessons the story *Leepike Ridge* teaches about life?

<http://www.deadmentellnotales.com/onlinetexts/robinson/crusoe.shtml>

If you enjoyed the reading the Summary Plot of *Robinson Crusoe*, here is a free online unabridged version of the story. Enjoy!

<http://www.wordcentral.com/>

Good readers ask questions of themselves as they read. Many of those questions are centered around the meaning of words from the story. Look up key words from *Leepike Ridge* to find their meaning in the online dictionary. Or, jot down any unfamiliar words and try to define them, taking clues from the context.

Chapters 1-8 Vocabulary Words:

constricting

veneer

ballast

Chapters 9-14 Vocabulary Words:

grisly

gloated

detonation

sarcophagus

excavation

anticlimax

cuneiform

<http://animal.discovery.com/tv/dogs-101/>

Are curious about man's best friend? Do you wonder why dogs do and behave the way they do? What kind of dog do you imagine Argus to be? Take a look at Dogs 101 to learn more about the various dog breeds.

<http://www.greatdogsite.com/breeds/>

Look there are more breeds. What kind of dog would you like to have as a pet. Check out some of the Hybrids. Who has heard of an Affenpinscher?

<http://www.petpeoplesplace.com/resources/advice/dogs/269-why-do-dogs-like-to-roll-in-smelly-things.htm>

As you have read Argus could not leave the corps alone on the beach. Does that make you wonder....Why do dogs like smelly things? Or, why do dogs like their belly rubbed?

<http://www.survivaltopics.com/survival/how-long-can-you-live-without-food/>

Reg has remarkable survival skills. How do these skills help Reg survive underground for three years? Both Tom and Reg have to make decisions to survive. In chapter six, Tom realizes that the water level has risen and that he must leave the beach before he drowns. How does Tom's survival instinct and will to live deliver him to Reg. How has Reg survived all this time stuck underground?

<http://www.playingwithtime.org/>

Tom and Reg while underground keep track of time by carving Roman Numerals on the wall of the cave. Why you think that keeping track of time is important to their survival? Reg is a historian and is very knowledgeable about ancient inventions. He builds a water clock so that he can keep track of the





days. Use this website to learn, explore and play with time on your own.

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/ancient/>

While underground, Tom and Reg discover an ancient tomb that houses a sarcophagus and other anterooms filled with carvings of

animals, ancient script, broken pottery and other artifacts.

Can you uncover the Mysteries of the Ancient World? What areas (Artifacts, Legend & Myths, Temples & Tombs, and Lost Cities) did you find to be the most valuable to developing our history? Why?

<http://web.wm.edu/hsi/index.html?svr=www>

Just for Fun!

Check out the Open Cases in Investigations. The investigations come from real events in American History. Can you solve them?

<http://www.phoenicia.org/tresures.html>

<http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/ngm/0410/feature2/index.html>

<http://www.chinahighlights.com/xian/terracotta-army/>

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Reg believes that the tomb and its contents are either Phoenician or Chinese. Use this link to research one of these ancient cultures, focusing on tombs and what artifacts would commonly be placed inside of them.

http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/wml/humanworld/ancientworld/egyptian/egypt_game.aspx?cookieCheck=true

<http://www.mywonderfulworld.org/toolsforadventure/games/pyramid.html>

<http://www.mywonderfulworld.org/toolsforadventure/games/treasure.html>

<http://www.mywonderfulworld.org/toolsforadventure/games/adventure.html>

Stuff Just for fun!

http://www.caves.org/committee/education/science_topics.htm

Tom is trapped with Rep in the cave....what do you think he will find deep underground?

Explore this site to learn about bats, cave archeology, and much more.

<http://www.showcaves.com/english/explain/Speleology/River.html>

What is a speleologist? Read more to find out what a speleologist really does.

If you were a scientist, what would you study caves? Why or Why not?

<http://www.goodearthgraphics.com/virtcave/index.html>

Watch these awesome virtual tours inside various caves. What cave formation do you find most interesting?

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2007/03/070305-cave-river.html>

Did you know that the World's Longest Underground River is in Mexico?

Read more to find out.....

<http://www.puerto-undergroundriver.com/>

Here is another underground river in Puerto Prinscesa, Philippines.

Do we have any subterranean rivers in the United States?