



## ***Beastly Tales***

**1** Look at the title. Can you think of two possible meanings of this title?

*Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.1*

**2** On page 11, what does the picture carved on the rock by ancient Picts suggest?

*Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.7*

**3** Look at page 17. Why are claims made by lawyers, priests, and police officers “credible”?

*Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.1, RI.4.1*

**4** What do you think is the most convincing evidence that the Loch Ness Monster exists? What do you think is the most convincing evidence that it doesn't exist?

*Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.2, RI.4.3*

**5** “Even the police felt afraid ...” (page 24). What does the word “even” tell you?

*Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.4*

**6** Does the picture on page 30 show a real yeti?

*Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.7*

**7** On page 34, why does the author ask a series of questions?

*Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.8*

**8** What other names are there for the bigfoot?

*Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.1*

**9** Who filmed the pictures on page 41?

*Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.1*

**10** Look at the blue fact box on page 43. Which word shows that the author is not sure if the stories are true?

*Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.4, RI.4.7*

## **Answers**

- 1 "Beastly Tales" can mean "Tales about beasts" and it can mean "Unpleasant tales."
- 2 It suggests that the ancient Picts might have seen the Loch Ness Monster.
- 3 Their jobs mean they have to tell the truth and they can be trusted.
- 4 Answers will vary.
- 5 It tells you that everyone was afraid, including the people you would expect to be the bravest ones of all.
- 6 No, it shows a model of a yeti.
- 7 To emphasize that nobody knows the answers; to make the story seem more mysterious ; to make the reader wonder about the yeti.
- 8 Sasquatch and Oh-mah-ah
- 9 Roger Paterson
- 10 "supposed"