

## Key stage 2

### Pupil B – Piece B: a discursive report

Context: as part of their studies on oceans and sea voyages, pupils chose to explore the Bermuda Triangle. They carried out independent research and wrote up their findings.

#### What lies in the depths of the Bermuda Triangle?

Lives lost. Ships and planes vanished into thin air. The disappearances of the Bermuda Triangle have perplexed humans for generations. Flight 19. How can 5 U.S. fighter planes and its rescue team disappear, no trace of where they went? The U.S.S. Cyclops. A massive ship and the 309 men aboard gone, no debris left, nothing. What forces are at work in the perishable outskirts of Bermuda, Puerto Rico and Miami? Its history is one of the most sinister mysteries today; what dwells in the darkness of the seabed? Hundreds of theories, but no definite answer... Will we ever find out?

Some may say that this unfathomable mystery is thanks to the work of a monster. The Lusca, said to dwell in the deepest, darkest crevices of the sea, down blue holes and where the sun doesn't shine, could be the ultimate answer to this baffling mystery. Just off the coast of the Bahamas, it devours its unsuspecting prey and is gone in an instant. But is this the most logical explanation?

On the other hand, scientists argue that a more plausible reason is methane hydrate. Methane eruptions - also known as mud volcanoes - are explosions of frothy water that are extremely rapid, providing inadequate buoyancy for ships, and, as a result, causing them to sink; furthermore, this theory is still not proven to be true. What if something slightly less likely (yet still perfectly competent of happening) was the real reason?

Other people claim that a potential conclusion is time warps. Commonly known as time travel, this far-fetched theory unbelievably does have multiple pieces of evidence to

back it up. A man took off in his plane, being engulfed in a gigantic cloud of fog. Minutes later, the radar from the air tower read that he had gone 100 miles away. He insists that he woke up on a beach nowhere near where he was flying, and unless he flew at an incredibly high speed and crashed, we have to assume he was telling the truth.

It could be argued that one of the most comprehensible theories is electromagnetic pull. In this area of the sea, it is phenomenally strong, and resolves many unsolved problems. Take Christopher Columbus' compass for instance. As soon as he entered the Devil's Triangle, his compass, which was his soul guide, ~~was~~ malfunctioned. This could also explain Flight 19's notorious and tragic disappearance, perhaps causing the plane's engine or the crew's compass to break, forcing them to get lost and crash.

After considering the arguments on both sides, from my perspective I believe that the cause of the disappearances is the electromagnetic pull. The deadly forces of Mother Nature are unstoppable. Some mysteries we just cannot solve.