

Grandpa's Map



Read the story. Then answer the questions in full sentences.

Name _____ Date _____

Every summer, Zoe stayed with her grandpa in a small town by a lake. This year, he gave her a surprise on the first morning: a map he had drawn himself.

It showed his house, the dock, the bakery and the path through the woods. At the end of the path, he had drawn a large X. "Follow the map," he said, "and see what you find."

Zoe walked past the bakery, where the smell of bread made her stomach growl. She followed the path under the tall pines until it opened onto a small beach she had never seen before. On a flat rock sat an old tin box.

Inside were a notebook, a magnifying glass and a note. The note said: "This beach was my secret place when I was your age. Now it is yours too. Write down everything you find here."

That afternoon, Zoe filled two pages with drawings of shells, a frog and the tracks of a heron.

1. Who drew the map?

2. What did Zoe pass on the way to the beach?

3. What was in the tin box?

4. Why do you think Grandpa wanted Zoe to find the beach herself?

Answer key

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1. Who drew the map?
Zoe's grandpa.
2. What did Zoe pass on the way to the beach?
The bakery. Then she followed the path under the tall pines.
3. What was in the tin box?
A notebook, a magnifying glass and a note.
4. Why do you think Grandpa wanted Zoe to find the beach herself?
Sample answer: to make it an adventure, and so the place would feel like her own secret too.