

**TOP
SECRET**

MISSION 3

TEACHER EYES ONLY!

WHO STOLE THE
WOODSPRING NUG
(AGAIN!)?



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Teacher Overview

The Joeys are on a school excursion to the grand reopening of the Planetarium. At some point during the excursion, the Woodspring Nug goes missing (again!.) You need to piece together the clues and find out who stole it (again!).

This activity is asking students to solve a “mini whodunnit” based on the theft of the Woodspring Nug. They will create their own clue boards by organising evidence.

You can either divide students into small groups, or you could also do this activity as a class using a whiteboard as your clue board.

Please **download and print** the **MISSION 3 CASE DOSSIER** (PDF) and **MISSION 3 BRIEF** (PDF). Hand them out to each crew. These will contain their case information and instructions.

Additional items:

- Bluetack
- Markers or pencils
- Paper or notebook for making notes

PROMPTS FOR STUDENTS

1. Which suspect has the strongest motive?
2. Which suspect had the best opportunity to take the nug?
3. Which clue seems most important?
4. Which clues might be red herrings?

RED HERRINGS:

- Kai’s packet of dehydrated space ice cream fell as he was searching for his missing lunch (which was on the bus all along).
- Emilia’s mug probably came from the gift shop.
- Amelia’s polaroid likely came from taking photos earlier.

THE SOLUTION:

The thief: Penelope

- She returned to the exhibit before the nug disappeared – her timeline reveals she was the last one in the exhibit.
- She had changed into her “drama blacks”, oversized black clothing for drama class, which could hide an object the size of a bowling ball.
- A piece of black costume fabric was caught in the cabinet door.
- Her motive explains why she took the nug without planning to damage it.

MISSION DEBRIEF:

- Who did you decide was responsible?
- Which clues were helpful and which were misleading?
- If you did another mystery, what strategy would you use again?
- How did your group decide between different ideas?