



MysteryQuest 35

Support Materials 1 (Activity Sheet)

Identifying Relevant Evidence

My chosen theory is that Thomson's death was **a suicide** **an accident** **murder**

Fact	Relevance to my theory	Reason for this conclusion
1. Thomson was an experienced woodsman, an expert canoeist and an excellent swimmer.	<input type="checkbox"/> Supports my theory <input type="checkbox"/> Challenges my theory <input type="checkbox"/> Is not relevant to my theory	
2. The day before his death, Thomson wrote a letter telling of his plans for the month.	<input type="checkbox"/> Supports my theory <input type="checkbox"/> Challenges my theory <input type="checkbox"/> Is not relevant to my theory	
3. Thomson died within an hour, or at most two to three hours, after he set out on his fishing trip.	<input type="checkbox"/> Supports my theory <input type="checkbox"/> Challenges my theory <input type="checkbox"/> Is not relevant to my theory	
4. As far as anyone knows, Shannon Fraser was the last person to see Thomson alive.	<input type="checkbox"/> Supports my theory <input type="checkbox"/> Challenges my theory <input type="checkbox"/> Is not relevant to my theory	
5. Thomson's canoe was found floating in an area where, under ordinary circumstances, it could not have been.	<input type="checkbox"/> Supports my theory <input type="checkbox"/> Challenges my theory <input type="checkbox"/> Is not relevant to my theory	
6. Thomson's paddles and provisions were in the upside down canoe when it was found later the same day.	<input type="checkbox"/> Supports my theory <input type="checkbox"/> Challenges my theory <input type="checkbox"/> Is not relevant to my theory	
7. Thomson's body did not surface in the lake until one week later, unusual for this time of year.	<input type="checkbox"/> Supports my theory <input type="checkbox"/> Challenges my theory <input type="checkbox"/> Is not relevant to my theory	
8. When Thomson's body was examined, he had a bruise on his head but there was no water in his lungs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Supports my theory <input type="checkbox"/> Challenges my theory <input type="checkbox"/> Is not relevant to my theory	
9. Several witnesses stated Thomson had fishing line wound several times around his left ankle.	<input type="checkbox"/> Supports my theory <input type="checkbox"/> Challenges my theory <input type="checkbox"/> Is not relevant to my theory	
10. On July 17, 1917, the doctor recorded the official cause of Tom Thomson's death was drowning.	<input type="checkbox"/> Supports my theory <input type="checkbox"/> Challenges my theory <input type="checkbox"/> Is not relevant to my theory	