

## **MysteryQuest 23**

**Support Materials 2 (Activity Sheet)** 

## **Personality Profile**

Your cousin's profile	Inferences about skills, attributes, and personality traits
Your cousin, Alan, grew up in San Francisco, California and has never visited Canada. <sup>1</sup> He is the oldest of five children born to your aunt and uncle, a wealthy newspaper owner and publisher. His family sent numerous photographs of the large mansion they called home. <sup>2</sup> Alan certainly did not go without while growing up - the family even has a maid and a cook! <sup>3</sup> It is doubtful that your cousin ever wanted for clean, new clothes, a warm place to sleep, or a hearty meal. <sup>4</sup>	1. 2.
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Alan often spent time at the newspaper offices with an eye to learning the business from his father. This gave him the opportunity to learn the details of publishing a newspaper, from typesetting to reporting and writing. <sup>5</sup> Alan has performed manual labour <sup>6</sup> while working at the paper's loading docks. His co-workers named him "Mr. Fix-it" after he was able to repair different machines and solve difficult problems, sometimes using nothing more than his hands and mind. <sup>7</sup> Your cousin attended university and began to study accounting, but quit when his studies became challenging. <sup>8</sup>	5.
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Alan's letters were often filled with complaints of the cold San Francisco weather <sup>9</sup> and how he was tiring of the crowded city. <sup>10</sup> Perhaps the most memorable letter, however, was one he wrote to express displeasure with his father. Your cousin had hoped eventually to take over the newspaper, but his father gave control of the paper to an "upstart college grad." Sounding angry and disappointed with his father, Alan wrote that he was now searching for any means to become rich, because he did not want to be poor for the rest of his life. <sup>11</sup>	8.
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## Your cousin's most important abilities and traits

Work experience and abilities	Personality traits and attributes
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.