

Death by the River 2007

On April 16, 1933 the Casper Star Tribune ran a story about the discovery of a cairn and human bones. The story stated that a rancher of the vicinity chanced upon the gulch and noticed the bones projecting from the earth. Nine bodies were discovered in a shallow grave with no signs of clothing. One skull was of an infant.

So what happened and what are the historical repercussions? Why does this matter today? Prepare an article for publication in the Oregon-California Trails News Letter. The presentation will be October 10, 2007.

Devil's Gate by Tom Rea
Under the Banner of Heaven by Jon Krakauer
Forty Years Among the Indians by Daniel Jones

Language Arts

Reading
Writing
Speaking and
Listening
Primary sources

Science

Changes in
topography,
vegetation, wildlife
Hypothermia and
frost bite
Forensic evidence

Social Studies

Wyoming history
Geography
Mapping
Primary sources

STANDARDS FOR DEATH BY THE RIVER

Social Studies

4. Time, Continuity and Change
Students demonstrate an understanding of the people, events, problems, ideas and cultures that were significant in the history of our community, state, nation and world.
5. People, places, and environments
Students demonstrate an understanding of interrelationships among people, places, and environments.

Language Arts

1. Reading
Students use the reading process to demonstrate understanding of literary and informational texts.
2. Writing
Students use the writing process and use appropriate strategies to write a variety of expressive and expository pieces
3. Speaking and listening
Students use listening and speaking skills for a variety of purposes and audiences