



Trapped in the Everglades  
*A Wren & Frog Adventure:*  
Book 3

**Suggested Level:** 1-3

**Suggested Time:** 60 min

\*Can be adapted to a shorter lesson by choosing excerpts from the book.

\*Can be adapted to 2 -45 minute lessons by taking more time for student work and discussions

**Suggested Materials:**

- Book 3 - Grant Allison
- Drawing paper
- Pencils and crayons
- Computer/Projector
- Word Wall
- Optional- transform reading space into campsite

**Lesson Overview:**

The purpose of this lesson is to introduce students to camping while employing the skills of reading comprehension and writing.

**Lesson Objectives:**

Within this lesson, students will:

- Ask and answer questions about the key details in the story
- Be able to name things needed for camping
- Write stories using their camping list.

## Suggested Activities:

1. Students will gather around the campsite. (If campsite is not set, students will gather into a “campfire” circle.
2. Ask discussion questions: Have you ever been camping before? What did you do when you went camping? Where did you sleep? What did you bring with you? Did you see any animals?
3. Read the story. While reading, pause to ask comprehension questions focusing on vocabulary. Suggested questions:
  - a. Rattler is Wren’s companion. What is a companion?
  - b. What did Big Red’s saddle bags contain?
  - c. Why is Rattler a good search dog?
  - d. Why did Rattler declare pecking order? How did he do it? What is the pecking order?
  - e. What types of supplies did Wren always take with her on her ventures? Why?
  - f. What did Rattler do before going on a search? How did Rattler show when he was picking up on the scent?
  - g. Explain what happened when Wren & Frog went camping? What did they do to stay safe?
4. After reading the story, break students up into small groups. Have students create a list of 10 items that they would take camping. They must also explain why they have chosen that item.
5. Students will write a short story about a camping trip they will take. They will include items from their list, as well as 3 vocabulary terms.
6. Extension activities: Seek and Find, Fill-in the blank



## Trapped in the Everglades Seek and Find

E I H V K E K S L O U G H T J  
 P R W M B B R C H T A J N J R  
 A Z D R M O T C U G V U Q E O  
 C O W E R I N G A R I Z L L H  
 S G A B E L D D A S T L M E E  
 D E D D C T E I A H E S T Y A  
 N N N W E R A N S P K O E E D  
 A I O F U K C N O T M S T W L  
 L N B L W E N R N E I C A M A  
 J A L I K P P A R I A N C R M  
 A C A S D N A H B C N U C F P  
 E F Z I L D T V T B K Y O T D  
 M V E V Y N N I M X B A X Z Z  
 C D E Z N D E L P M A R T D P  
 T M M O D E P F A K U K O R P

ACRE	AWESTRUCK	BANKED
BLAZE	BOND	CACTI
CANINE	COWERING	DISTINCT
HANDS	HEADLAMP	LANDSCAPE
LURE	MODE	NUISANCE
PROPELLER	REMOTE	SADDLEBAGS
SAR	SLOUGH	TANNIN
TRAMPLED		



### Fill in the blank

\_\_\_\_\_ - medium reddish shade of brown.

\_\_\_\_\_ - an expression of measurement for horse height.

\_\_\_\_\_ - a person or animal someone spends a lot of time with.

\_\_\_\_\_ - walked in a slow relaxed manner.

\_\_\_\_\_ - a pair of bags attached behind the saddle on a horse.

\_\_\_\_\_ - not to move when the rider gets off the horse.

\_\_\_\_\_ - move smoothly and quietly with gliding steps.

\_\_\_\_\_ - waste from an animal.

\_\_\_\_\_ - tread on and crushed.

\_\_\_\_\_ - a unit of land measuring 4,840 yards

\_\_\_\_\_ - amazed

\_\_\_\_\_ - tilted an airplane to one side to turn

\_\_\_\_\_ - a painted marking or shape to indicated a path or route while hiking

\_\_\_\_\_ - connection

\_\_\_\_\_ - drawing back or crouching in fear

\_\_\_\_\_ - having decided to do something and not planning to change one's mind

\_\_\_\_\_ - the view of an area of land

\_\_\_\_\_ - to tempt, to draw someone or something out with the promise of reward

\_\_\_\_\_ - a giant cactus with large arms that grows in the southwestern part of the United States

Chestnut colored 17 hands tall Companion Sauntered Saddle-bags Acre Saguaro Blaze Bond Cowering	Ground-tying Slinking Animal droppings Trampled Awestruck Banked Determined Landscape Lure
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