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Scrat, the prehistoric squirrel is crazy about acorns. This time his hunt has world-changing consequences – a continental drift. And friends Manny, Diego and Sid find themselves on their greatest adventure. Sid reunites with his cranky Granny, and the herd encounters a group of pirates who are determined to stop them from returning home and reuniting with their families.

**Main characters:****Manny,**

the mammoth, is a family man and always putting his loved ones first. He would do anything to protect them.

**Diego,**

the sabre tooth tiger may look dangerous, but he is truly a softy deep down inside. He is often torn between his natural instincts and his loyalty for the herd.

**Sid's,**

big mouth and naivety often land him in trouble, but this sloth has a heart of gold! Sid loves his family even if they are never nice to him.

**Ellie's,**

easygoing nature keeps everyone around her happy and, most importantly, together. When Manny, Diego and Sid are separated from the herd, it's up to Ellie to take her husband's place as the leader.

**Peaches,**

is no longer a baby, but a strong-willed teenager. She is experiencing her first crush and loves to test her parents.

**Louis,**

a slightly nerdy molehog is Peaches' best friend who is always dutifully by her side and ready to help.

**Ethan,**

is the object of Peaches' first crush. He hangs out with the cool kids and is a bit amused by Peaches' attention.

**Granny**

is dumped by Sid's family with Sid for him to take care of her. Granny causes loads of trouble for Sid and the herd, especially when she wanders off looking for her thought-to-be deceased pet, Precious.

**Captain Gutt**

a prehistoric orang-utan, sees himself as the Master of the Seas. Together with his pirate crew he sails on his iceberg-ship, taking whatever he wants.

**Shira**

is a beautiful and agile sabre-tooth tiger and member of Gutt's crew who discovers that what really is important in life is family.

### USEFUL VOCABULARY

friendship	teenager	continent	loyalty
pirate	hero	land-bridge	first crush
capsize	iceberg	ice-foe	whale

### Answer the following questions

- 1) Who is responsible for the continental drift?
- 2) What's the name of the mammoth Peaches has a crush on?
- 3) Why does Sid's family leave Granny?
- 4) When does Shira discover that she doesn't mean anything to Captain Gutt?
- 5) Why do Ellie and Peaches sleep hanging down a tree?
- 6) What are Diego's feelings towards Shira?
- 7) When does Shira discover that she doesn't mean anything to Captain Gutt?
- 8) What do Manny and his friends steal from Captain Gutt?
- 9) What kind of pet does Granny have?
- 10) Who is the one and only hero for Peaches at the end?

### DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Shira is a very loyal sabre tooth tiger and doesn't want to betray Captain Gutt. She discovers, however, that Captain Gutt doesn't care about her at all. What do you think about loyalty in general? Have you ever been in a similar situation?
- Manny is a bit over-protective. He wants Peaches to stay by his side and play harmless games. He is very concerned about her relationships with other teenagers. How do your parents handle your growing-up? Are they over-protective as well? Are you free to do anything you want?
- Sid is always ready to help his friends although he often doesn't think before acting. He also is willing to take care of his Granny. Would you do the same for your Granny?

### ESSAY WRITING

Choose one of the mammoth characters – Peaches or Ethan – and write about them in the first person. Write about your relationships with the other mammoths, what is cool, what gets on your nerves, how you spend your day....

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- 1) Who is responsible for the continental drift?
- 2) What does Sid think when he meets his family again?
- 3) Where do Ellie and Peaches sleep during the night?
- 4) Where do Ellie and Manny want to meet again?
- 5) What does Peaches say to the other mammoth teenagers about Louis?
- 6) Why does Granny throw all the pirates' fruit into the sea?
- 7) How does Scrat sink his acorn paradise?
- 8) Does Diego fall in love with Shira?
- 9) When does Shira recognize that she doesn't mean anything to Captain Gutt?
- 10) Who is the one and only hero at the end for Peaches?

## DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Peaches experiences her first crush on cool mammoth Ethan. She soon discovers, however, that good looks do not necessarily go with a nice character. How important is a person's outward appearance to you?
- Captain Gutt is a disgusting and wreckless orang-utan who has no feelings for his crew. His only target in life is taking everything from anybody who gets in his way. What do you think has made him behave like this? What has happened in his life that made him so cruel?
- Manny is very concerned about Peaches' wellbeing. He is over-protective and doesn't want her to hang around with the other teenage mammoths. How do your parents handle your growing-up? Are they over-protective as well? Are you free to do anything you want?

## ESSAY WRITING

Imagine you were Shira and write down your life story. Why did you join Captain Gutt's pirate crew? What happened to your family? How did your life change when you met Manny, Sid and, above all, Diego