



ENGINEERING THE PANAMA CANAL

Dig Deeper

After reading this book, what questions do you still have about the Panama Canal? With an adult's help, find a few reliable sources that can help you answer your questions. Write a paragraph about what you learned.





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Surprise Me

Chapter One of this book discusses the history of the Panama Canal. After reading this book, what two or three facts about the canal's history did you find most surprising? Write a few sentences about each fact. Why did you find each fact surprising?





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Another View

In Chapter Two you learned that experts disagreed about the best plan for the Panama Canal. Some felt it should be a sea-level canal. Others argued for locks and dams. Ask an adult to help you find sources about the design of the canal. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the arguments provided by different engineers. How are they similar, and why? How are they different, and why?





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You Are There

About 14,000 ships pass through the Panama Canal each year. Imagine you are on one of those ships. What do you see during the passage?
Be sure to add plenty of detail.

