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Cover: Peter Whyte, *Town of Banff from Norquay Road*, 1933. Oil on canvas, 27.6 cm x 35.2 cm, WYP.01.057)

Page 3: Banff Springs Hotel golf course & Tunnel, [ca.1920], Byron Harmon/photographer, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Byron Harmon fonds (V263/NA-3757)

Banff views, Mount Rundle, [ca. 1920-ca.1940], George Noble/photographer, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, George Noble fonds (V469/99)

Banff views, Cascade Mountain, [ca.1920-ca.1940], George Noble/photographer, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, George Noble fonds (V469/47)

Gondola Display, Negatives, 1959, Bruno Engler/photographer, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Bruno Engler fonds (V190/I/A/i/b/3/na-22)



Rocky Mountain ACTIVITY BOOKLET

Answers page 3

Top Left Image:
Tunnel Mountain

Top Right Image:
Mount Rundle

Bottom Left Image:
Cascade Mountain

Bottom Right Image:
Sulphur Mountain

Answer page 5

Male Bison Answer:
b) dairy cow

Answers pages 10 to 11

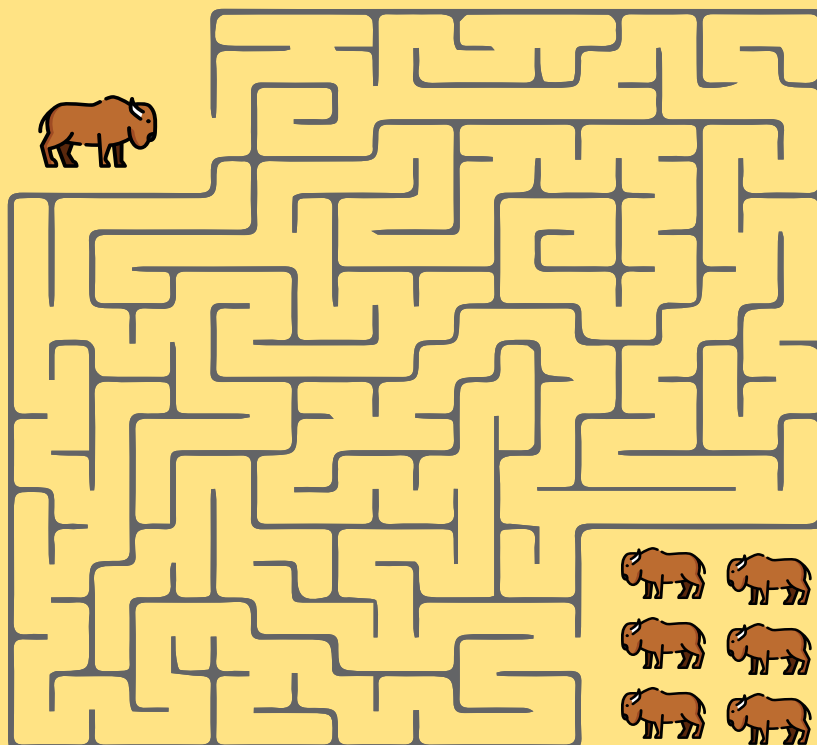
Mountain on Right:
Rundle Mountain

Mountain on Left:
Cascade Mountain

Who lives in this house?
Peter and Catharine Whyte

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Help the bison get back to the herd!



Look for other fun activity booklets at
the Whyte Museum!



What is the Whyte Museum?



[Peter and Catharine Whyte outside their home], 1932-1933, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds (v683/III/A/1/pd1-042)

Peter & Catharine

Peter Whyte was born in Banff and loved hiking, camping and skiing. He dreamed of being an artist. He met Catharine Robb at art school and she also loved to paint and draw. They built a home in Banff where they lived for the rest of their lives, painting the beautiful landscape. Peter and Catharine Whyte were the founders of the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies in Banff – a special place where you can find history, art, and stories from the past!



Peter and Catharine, 1929, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds (V683/II/B/37)

Peter and Catharine liked to go camping and paint in the mountains

Have you ever been camping in the Canadian Rockies?

__ Yes __ No



Did you Know?

Catharine Whyte was from America. She was born on June 13, 1906 in Concord, Massachusetts.

- Is there a grizzly and a black bear?
- Who lives in this house?

Bears



Both black bears (*Ursus americanus*) and grizzly bears (*Ursus arctos*) live in the Rocky Mountains. But sometimes black bears can be brown in colour and can be confused with grizzly bears. Here is some basic information to keep them straight!

BLACK BEAR



Front Track

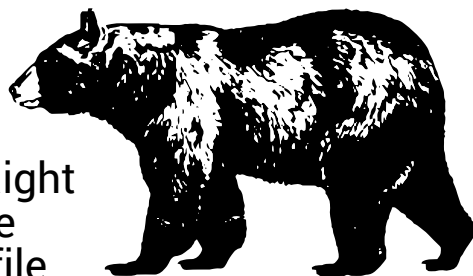


Shorter Claws
< 2"

Larger
Pointed
Ears

No Shoulder Hump

Straight
Face
Profile



GRIZZLY BEAR



Front Track

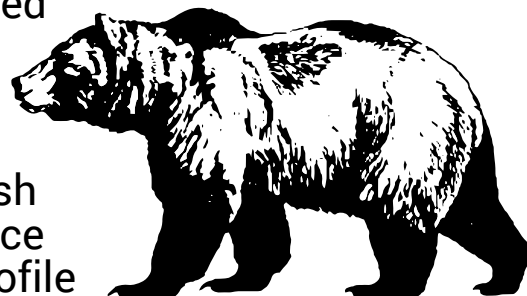


Longer Claws
2" - 4"

Smaller
Rounded
Ears

Shoulder Hump

Dish
Face
Profile



Animals:

Can you match the animal to their print?

Match the horns or antlers to the animal

Wolf



Mouse



Deer



Marten



Bear



Cougar



Squirrel



Moose



Buffalo



Elk



Bighorn Sheep



Deer



Did you Know?

A grizzly bear has to eat almost 20,000 calories a day. 75% of their diet is comprised of berries, leaves and nuts.

Did you Know?

Felines such as a cougar or a cat retract their claws as they walk but many animals (ie: bears, coyotes and wolves) leave claw marks.



Bison/Buffalo

Draw a picture on this page of an artifact from the bison section of the museum.



Banff Animal Paddock, buffalo, includes Sir Donald?, [1906?], Elliott Barnes/photographer, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Elliott Barnes fonds (V48/NA-454)

Did you know that male bison can weigh up to 725 kg

(approx. 1600 lbs)?

That's more than a:

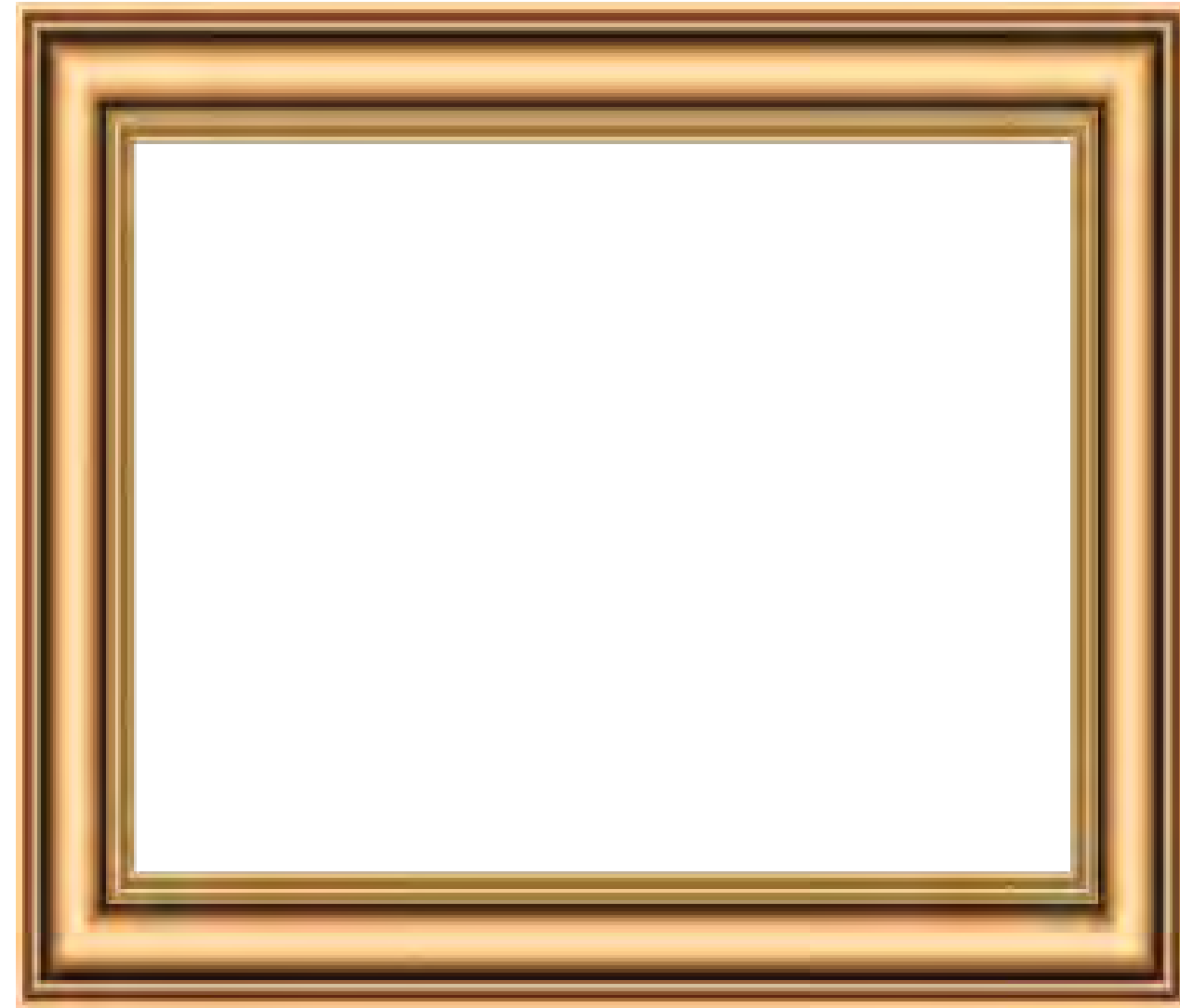
- a) elephant
- b) dairy cow
- c) hippopotamus
- d) blue whale

Hint: It's about the same weight of 8 grown men!

In the early 1800s' it is estimated that around 30 million bison roamed the plains in North America. However, by the late 1880s' they were almost extinct.

For many First Nations groups, the buffalo is a very important animal. Traditionally, every part of the animal was used – nothing went to waste. Buffalo provided them with food, clothing, shelter and tools.

In 2017, Parks Canada reintroduced bison to Banff National Park with the hope they will once again thrive in this environment.



Did you Know?

A bison stands 6 to 6.5 feet tall and 10 – 12.5 feet long.

What is an artifact?

An artifact is something old and valuable - usually because of its age, cultural importance, material it's made from, connection to an important story, or how rare it is.



Here are photographs of the mountains in and around the town of Banff.

Can you name all four mountains?



_____ Mountain

HINT: It also has a second special name



Mount _____

HINT: This mountain is named after a priest



_____ Mountain

HINT: This mountain has a waterfall



This photo of Banff was taken from the top of

_____ Mountain

HINT: This mountain has hot springs and the gondola is at the top

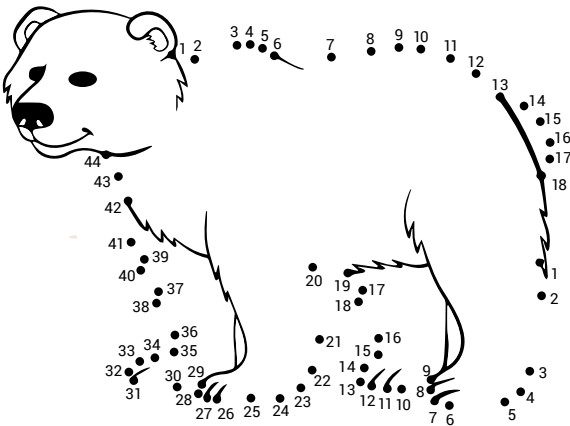
This is a very bad idea – for the human and the bears.



[Bears begging from tourists], 1895, 1910, [192-], Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Mary Schaffer fonds (V527/PS 1-495)

Connect the dots

Is this a grizzly or a black bear?



Bears

Make sure you give bears space. Carry bearspray with you when you hike and never run if you encounter a bear.

Unscramble the following words:

- LCWAS
- BUSC
- BERHNATIOIN
- YSPBEAARR
- ZGIZRLY
- WAPS
- CBALK

Answers:
(claws) (cubs) (hibernation)
(bearspray) (grizzly) (paws) (black)

Did you Know?

The Stoney Nakoda have a special name for Tunnel Mountain? It's Sacred Buffalo Guardian Mountain.

Did you Know?

Black bears can be black to reddish brown (cinnamon bears) to light brown to white.

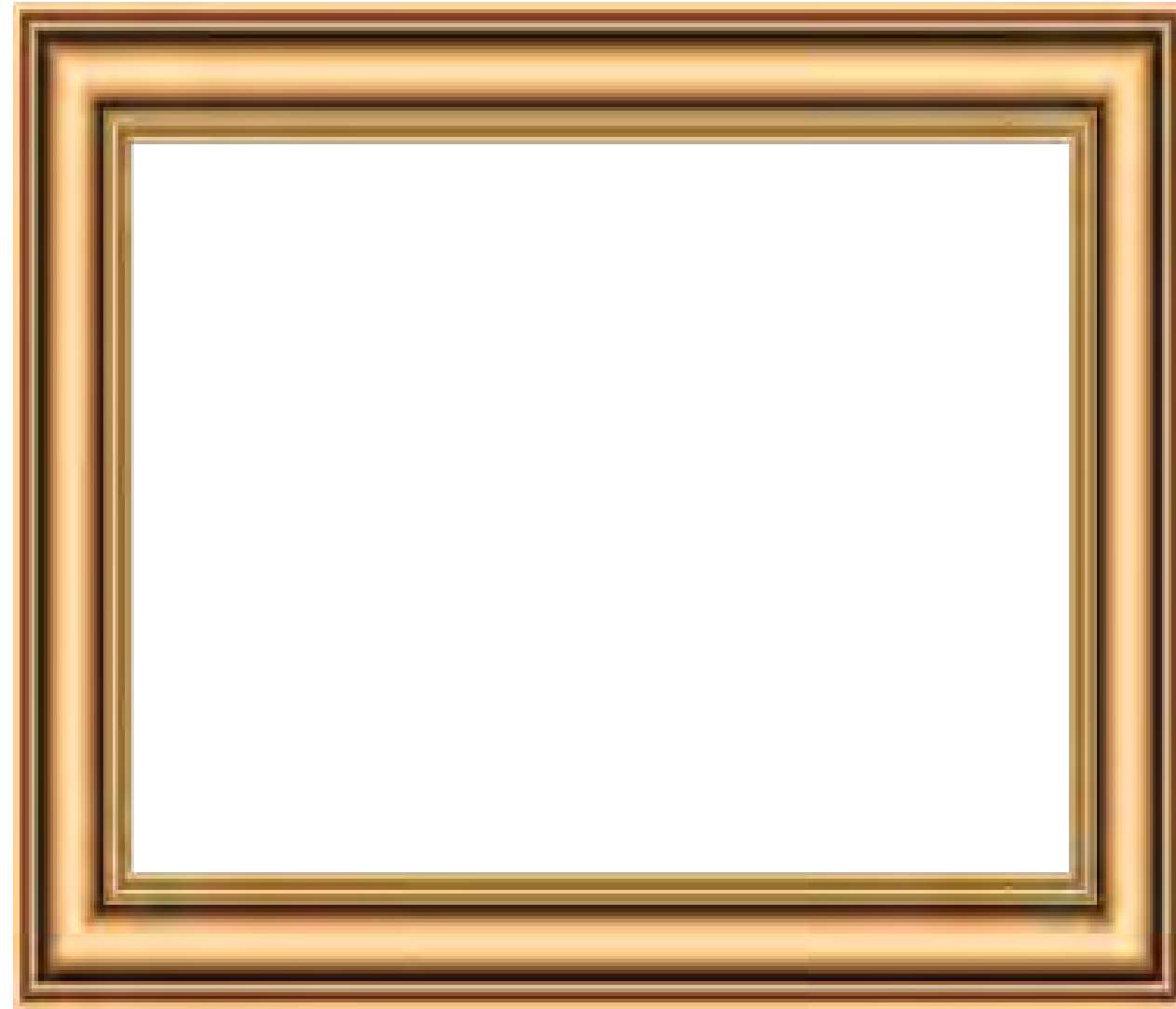
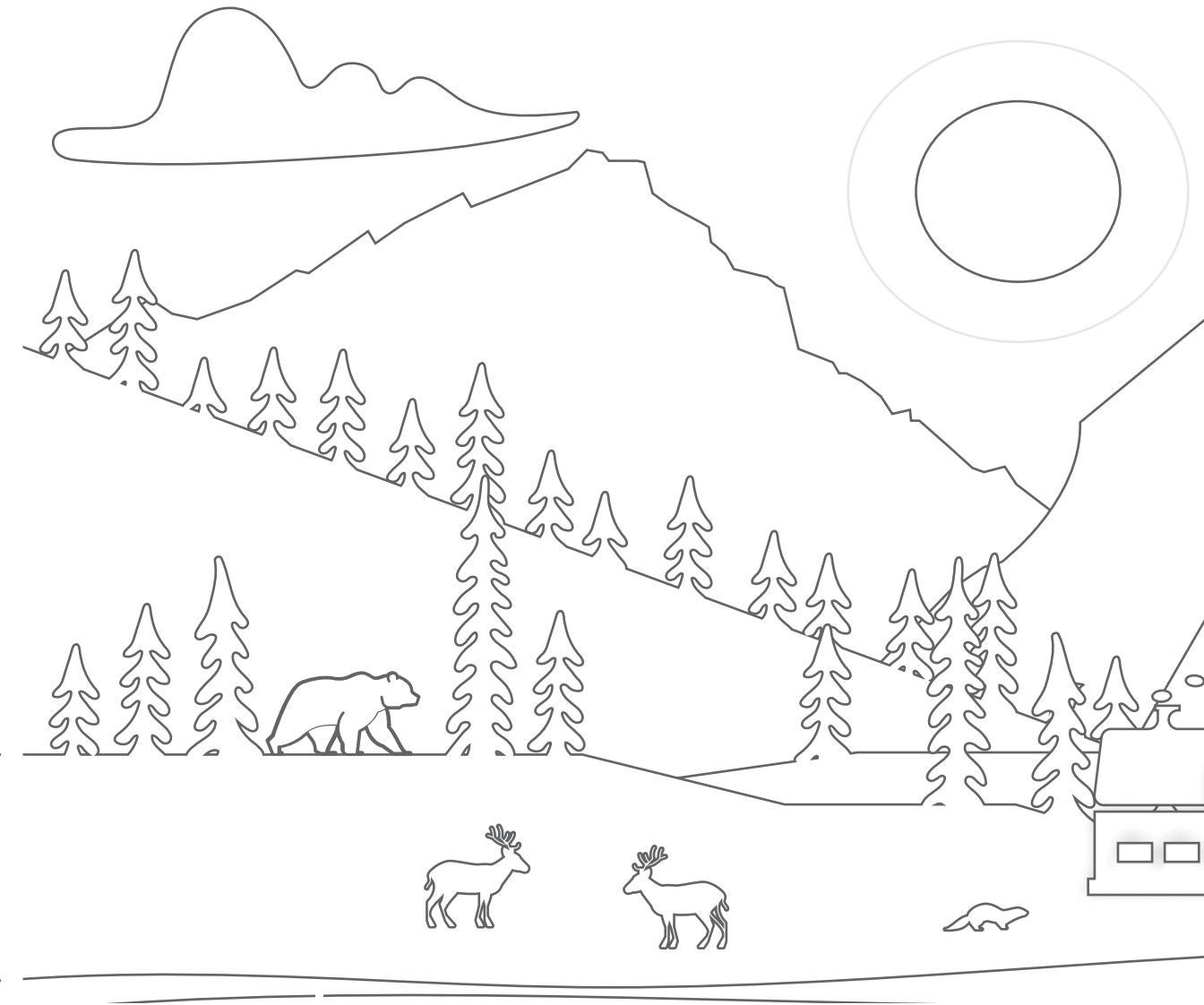


Colour this page

Draw a picture of what it would be like to go camping in the Rocky Mountains.



Ideas to get started:



- Name the two mountains
- Identify the animals

Did you Know?

You can find Peter and Catharine's home on museum property and take a tour inside.

