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FREE CURRICULUM FOR DISTANCE LEARNING

Dear Educators:

Uncertainty about the pandemic and the potential of future waves of the COVID-19 concerns teachers, students and parents and has led many school districts to decide to open the new school year much like we ended the last one. This time around, Adopt-An-Author is ready to help. Whether you teach English, Reading, Science, Computer Ed. or work in the school library, we have an entire virtual universe standing by to engage your students in distance learning, along with the curriculum materials to teach the entire unit ... and an incredible new website that will dazzle students, parents and teachers!

It was all conceived nine months ago by our founder, NY Times and international bestselling author, Steve Alten. Long before anyone had ever heard of the Corona virus, Steve had an epiphany for an entirely new prehistoric universe completely independent of his MEG series, which had inspired The MEG movie back in 2018, starring Jason Statham. Steve personally invested/borrowed over \$100,000 of his own money in order to recruit a team of 3D animators, artists, actors, producers, directors, an engineer, video game programmer, and a prehistoric shark museum curator to bring to life an ambitious new website called SeaMonsterCove.com. The website is part entertainment, part learning center – its crown jewel being “*Where Sea Monsters Roam*,” a 13-episode Web-TV series which Steve wrote and produced. The show stars Max Ginolin, who plays Dr. Maxime Rostand, a French marine biologist – a sort of Greystoke meets young Mick Jagger with a dash of Cousteau thrown in.

Logline:

While investigating Maug Island's mysterious hot mineral spring lagoon, marine biologist Max Rostand performs an emergency C-section on what he believes is a pregnant Basking shark caught in the net of a Taiwanese fishing trawler, only to discover a new species – Carcharocles daemonium – a 60-foot prehistoric Mako. Max and his team manage to save two of the dead female's fifteen pups: Snowflake (an albino) and Layla (pure-black demon). Faced with a choice of killing the sharks or risk introducing an ancient apex predator into our oceans, Max and his companions decide to raise the siblings in Maug's lagoon which they believe shares the same hot mineral waters as the mysterious habitat from which the pup's mother fled – a lost primordial aquifer that dates back 330 million years.

But that's only the beginning. In addition to the show, visitors can virtually enter the futuristic aquariums used in the TV series and interact with these prehistoric species as

“live bait.” There’s also a “*Where Sea Monsters Roam*” video game where they can play and compete against others, and a learning center run by a real-life prehistoric shark curator, Keith Cowley.

The distance learning component of the website takes place at the private Steve Alten library which features enhanced versions of his novels, packed with color images. Each thriller provides teachers with free downloadable vocabulary lists, tests, quizzes, state prep materials, fun projects, and other curriculum materials. While the students are reading they can email the author and receive a personal response back in 72 hours or less. Best of all, when the unit concludes, teachers can arrange a live Q & A with their students and Steve Alten via ZOOM or SKYPE.

The cost? The program is free; 24/7 access to the website and everything it offers is only \$9.95 a month – less than the cost of a book or a movie ticket.

The web park is tentatively scheduled to open on August 21 at 12:01pm. To view trailers and teasers, click here: www.SeaMonsterCove.com
To download the free Distance Learning Teacher Manual (pdf) or any of our enhanced novels, the curriculum materials and answer sheets, click here: www.AdoptAnAuthor.com.

Prepare to be amazed!

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