

# Murder Mystery Script

## (Part 1)

There's a mystery to solve and the mayor of Living Town needs your help to solve it! Something has gone amiss in the quiet community of Living Town. Someone or something has committed a crime, or have they? There is very little information about it. In your Science groups, you will complete cooperative and independent activities to find out whether the crime was committed by a living or nonliving thing.

Each group will receive a copy of a mystery grid. As you get clues you will deduce who or what didn't commit the crime. With each clue and deduction, you will cross off a living or nonliving thing on your mystery grid. This grid will help you to stay organized while you're in the thick of problem solving!

So the challenge is on and the challenge is yours! The mayor of Living Town puts his (her) faith in you to solve this crime quickly so that the people can relax and enjoy their safe town once again. The mayor admits that this is a difficult problem and wants to pay you for your time, energy and cleverness.

## (Part 2)

Distribute one mystery grid to each group. They then need to work together as a group to design and create an 'identity' for their group. Allow adequate work time for students to discuss, brainstorm, and complete a group marker.

Then share the mystery with your class.

## (Part 3)

The strangest thing happened on the evening...after the new moon. The Living Town alarm blared into the clear night sky. The folks in Living Town were used to hearing this alarm every day at noon, on special holidays, and on the morning of the first day of the County Fair. Never could they remember the alarm ringing in the evening in the middle of the summer. This unusual event brought all of the people out of their homes. They gathered in the streets asking each other many questions.

The alarm stopped and the mayor directed everyone toward the center of town. There he proclaimed that there had been a murder, but they didn't know who or what caused Kermit's death, or how it happened. Everyone gasped out loud. They looked around at each other in disbelief. He then asked for everyone's help in solving the crime.

**Distribute the first clue card to the different groups.**