

	Developing towards Grade Level Expectation	Approaching the Grade Level Expectation	Meeting the Grade Level Expectation	Exceeding the Grade Level Expectation
<p>IDEAS: the central message supported by enriching detail</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> main idea is unclear limited or confusing detail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> emerging central idea some connection to the topic some appropriate details included leaves some unanswered questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> main idea is clear directly addresses the topic relevant and appropriate details engages the reader 	<p>Development of ideas is original and innovative, demonstrating maturity and sophistication beyond the grade level expectation.</p>
<p>ORGANIZATION: the internal structure, the thread of central meaning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> problems with organization make the text difficult to follow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> has a recognizable introduction has a recognizable conclusion makes an attempt to use transitions paragraphing is effective at times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> has an effective introduction has an effective conclusion uses effective transitions sequencing is logical paragraphing is consistently effective 	<p>Organization demonstrates a maturity or sophistication beyond the grade level expectation.</p>
<p>VOICE: the unique perspective and style of the writer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> voice is limited voice suits purpose and audience at times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> voice is mostly engaging voice mostly suits purpose and audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> voice is consistently engaging voice is appropriate to purpose and audience voice sustained throughout the text 	<p>Voice is consistently compelling, original, and moving, demonstrating maturity and sophistication beyond the grade level expectation.</p>
<p>WORD CHOICE, precise and vivid language that moves and engages the reader</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> word choice is limited 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> repetitive use of words and phrases words sometimes used inappropriately words are adequate but basic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> word choice enhances and clarifies meaning and is consistently precise precise accurate effective 	<p>Word choice demonstrates maturity and sophistication beyond the grade level expectation.</p>
<p>SENTENCE FLUENCY: the rhythm, flow and sound of language</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> errors in sentence construction impair fluency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sentences are usually effective and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> are mostly well constructed include some variety in length, structure, and beginnings are mostly fluent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sentences are consistently effective and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> are well constructed vary in length and structure begin in a variety of ways flow smoothly 	<p>Sentence fluency demonstrates maturity and sophistication beyond the grade level expectation.</p>
<p>CONVENTIONS:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> errors in conventions distract the reader and make the text difficult to follow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> conventions are mostly correct, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> grammar/usage spelling punctuation paragraphing/formatting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> conventions are consistently correct, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> grammar/usage spelling punctuation paragraphing/formatting 	<p>Use of conventions demonstrates maturity and sophistication beyond the grade level expectation.</p>

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SS Ourang Medan: The Mysterious Ghost Ship

There are many ghost ships that have been just a fake and were only an old

fashioned tale that was made up to pass the time on long journey, but not all of them are. The SS Ourang Medan was a real ghost ship to some. One night, when the SS Ourang was going to America with passengers and cargo, the whole crew mysteriously died. The last man alive was the interpreter of the SS Ourang Medan. He sent a distress call out and two ships a Dutch and British listening post received this message and heard this chilling

message: "All officers including captain dead, lying in chartroom and bridge, Possibly whole crew dead." a few minutes later he came back with a creepy last message " I die... and the signal did not go out. The Silver Star went to see this for themselves because they were the closest one to the SS Ourang Medan, and when the rescue crew got there, they found that it was no exaggeration. Everyone was dead. Quoted by one of the Silver Star crew "Their

frozen faces were upturned to the sun...staring, as if in fear... the mouths were gaping open and eyes staring". It was a living nightmare for some, most were too scared to even share information on it. There were many theories surrounding this mystery. The common

theories were that this was made up like all the other ghost stories, or that extraterrestrials attacked them. However, I think that the SS Ourang was transporting projects about Unit 731 from Japan into America.

One theory is that the SS Ourang Medan was just a hoax. It could have possibly have been a made up like all the other ghost stories and this is pretty possible. The crew could have been lying and none of the crew have ever been compelled give anymore

information on this matter. Never has a search crew found this was no ship found to show of its existence. To the United States Coast Guard it is officially fake and that had pretty much got the whole of the world convinced. Nautical authors that have spent decades trying

to find the correct answer has failed to along with the press and pretty much everyone else. There was not much evidence against this theory and yet not much evidence for it either. Another theory is that Extraterrestrials have came down to earth and killed them off, this is a pretty far fetched theory because well we have never actually proven it true even in the 21st century. But the evidence supporting this is that we were probably not

strong enough to kill everyone on that ship and make them have their arms up eyes open and mouths all gaping at the sky. The Silver Star crew said that there was no signs that they have been physically damaged, this theory is also pretty off because we as humans still do not have solid evidence that aliens exist.

However, I think that these theories are all wrong and that the people in the SS Ourang Medan were all killed by a cruel experiment known as Unit 731. Unit 731 was made sometime around WW2. The group did cruel experiments on humans as their victims.

Experiments such as the human guinea pig. ^{With these experiments chemical weapons were built.} When the conductors of Unit 731 were captured, Captain Douglas McAuther granted immunity to them under the condition that they gave the chemical weapons to America. But then they could not use a huge cargo plane to fly everything over because it was a because it might crash and it looks quite suspicious. So they put it into ^{the} an unsuspecting ship with innocent passengers inside. ^{That plan sort of backfired on the SS Ourang. The salt water probably reacted with the chemicals in the ship and released a gas that silently killed everyone.} Then the gas could have been in its second stage or it had reacted with the boiler flame. The Silver Star crew had reported a certain danger from cargo hold four, which makes it very possible that this had happened.

In conclusion, the SS Ourang Medan happens to be a true story. There are still many theories concerning it while some are more believable than others. I think that this mystery will never be solved because the SS Ourang would have disintegrated and all the Silver Star crew is probably dead so we can't get any more information; because of this, we have insufficient information to solve this mystery.