

The town that drowned

Are there any dams in your area?

Vocabulary

1. copper 2. forced 3. thriving 4. peak 5. mines 6. brand

True Story

Kennett, California was once a busy town with shops, hotels, a school, and even its own _____ of whiskey. It grew quickly in the late 1800s after _____ was found nearby. At its _____, it had around 10,000 people. But after World War I, the _____ closed and people started to leave.

In the 1930s, the U.S. government chose the area for a dam. People were _____ to move, and by 1944, the whole town was underwater. Today, Kennett sits at the bottom of Shasta Lake. Though it's gone, stories and old photos help us remember this once-_____ place.

Quiz

1. What was found near Kennett that made it grow quickly?
2. How many people lived in Kennett at its peak?
3. What happened to the mines after World War I?
4. Where is Kennett located today?

True or False

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| 1. Kennett had its own brand of whiskey. | True False |
| 2. The town is now a popular tourist attraction. | True False |
| 3. The U.S. government built a dam in the 1930s. | True False |

Conversation

- A: Did you know there's a town under Shasta Lake?
 B: No way! What happened to it?
 A: It was called Kennett. They flooded it to build a dam.
 B: That's so sad. People had to leave their homes?
 A: Yes, some even waited until the water rose.
 B: I hope someone took photos before it was lost.

Discussion

1. Would you like to visit Shasta Lake?
2. Have you ever visited a ghost town?
3. What would you do if your town was going underwater?
4. What would you miss most if you had to leave your home?
5. Do you think people could live underwater in the future?