

Grizzly Man (2005)

Directed by Werner Herzog

Activity duration: 30 minutes

Procedure: Students read the article then answer the vocabulary questions. Once they have an idea about the documentary and its subject, play the video through twice while they answer the comprehension questions. There are discussion questions at the end.

Answers:

Vocabulary:

1. World-renowned = Known as/ Famous for
2. Piecing together = Making something using smaller parts
3. Romanticized ideas of nature = Treadwell ignored the fact that death and suffering is part of nature.
4. Mauled = Attacked (animals e.g. bears, tigers)
5. Stuck around = To stay
6. Spot one another = To see one another
7. Poachers = Illegal hunters
8. Anthropomorphized fantasy = Treadwell projected human qualities and emotions onto the bears.
9. Undone by hubris and madness = Werner herzog likes to make films about people with big ambitions but whose inability to accept reality usually results in their downfall or death.
10. Shackles of civilization = The restraints and limitations of our modern society.
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Video:

1. They kill the cubs to stop the females from lactating so that they can reproduce once again.
2. Werner believes that in nature there are predators, cruelty, suffering and death. Treadwell took a more romanticized and loving view where he shares kinship and understanding with the animals.
3. It was one of the large males in the area at the time. It had previously been anesthetized and had its lip tattooed.
4. He says that Timothy was hesitant to leave the frame of his final recording, suggesting that he somehow knew his fate.

