

## Core Skills Analysis

### Literature

- The student has learned about character development through the differing personalities and growth of each family member in their transition to survival.
- Themes of adventure and resilience are highlighted as the family faces various challenges, allowing the student to analyze what these themes reveal about human nature.
- The use of descriptive language in the film enriches the student's understanding of setting, as they visualize the island environment and its impact on the family's lifestyle.
- The concept of narrative structure is observed as the student's ability to identify the introduction, rising action, climax, and resolution is engaged through the storyline.

### Science

- The film illustrates ecological concepts, showcasing how the family interacts with the island's flora and fauna, prompting discussions about ecosystems and biodiversity.
- Students learn about resource management as the family must utilize their surroundings to build shelter and find food, fostering an understanding of sustainability.
- Survival techniques depicted in the film introduce practical applications of scientific principles, such as the importance of fresh water and food sources.
- The significance of environmental adaptation is examined as the family learns to live in a new habitat, which contributes to discussions about human adaptability in diverse ecosystems.

### History

- The setting of the film provides historical context related to the period it portrays, allowing students to learn about colonialism and family dynamics of that era.
- Students can explore the concept of exploration and its impacts on societies, understanding the motivations behind colonial endeavors.
- The family's interactions with indigenous peoples can open discussions about cultural exchange and the historical implications of such encounters.
- Analyzing the historical accuracy of the film encourages students to research the period and compare it to modern societal structures and issues.

### Tips

To enhance the student's learning experience following the activity, it's beneficial to engage them in discussions about the themes and lessons presented in 'Swiss Family Robinson.' Encouraging the student to write a reflective essay about their favorite character or moment in the film can deepen their understanding of literary elements. Additionally, exploring the natural sciences by conducting a small project on local ecosystems or survival skills can connect the film's themes to real-world applications. Suggested activities include visiting a local nature reserve to observe ecosystems in person or reading related literature that expands on the story's themes.

### Book Recommendations

- [Hatchet](#) by Gary Paulsen: A survival story about a boy stranded in the wilderness after a plane crash, teaching resilience and the importance of nature.
- [Island of the Blue Dolphins](#) by Scott O'Dell: Follows the journey of a young girl who survives alone on an island, exploring themes of isolation, resilience, and self-reliance.
- [The Adventures of Tom Sawyer](#) by Mark Twain: A classic adventure story that explores themes of

freedom, friendship, and the challenges of growing up in a fictional town along the Mississippi River.

### **Learning Standards**

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.7.3 - Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.7.7 - Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.7.3 - Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences.
- NGSS MS-LS2-4 - Construct an argument supported by empirical evidence that changes to physical or biological components of an ecosystem affect populations.
- SS.H.4.7 - Explain how historical events shape the present and future.