

My Journey Home Family Connection

Your child is reading *Pop's Bridge*, a fictional account of the building of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California.

DAY
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Make Your Mark Research an important manmade landmark. Find out when it was built, how long it took to build, and how much it cost. Some well-known landmarks, such as the Statue of Liberty, offer virtual tours on their websites. If possible, make plans to visit one.

CHALLENGE

Together, create a tour script that you might hear at one of these landmarks. Encourage your child to conduct the tour.

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2

Vocabulary on the Go Imagine that you are *radio* reporters at the dedication of the Golden Gate Bridge on May 27, 1937. In your broadcast, compare the bridge to other bridges and large structures. Write and use these words: *balancing, crew, disappears, foggy, cling*.

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3

Go, Team! Create an acrostic poem for the word *teamwork*. *T* is done as an example. Possible starting words are shown for the rest.

Takes more than one

E (effort, every)

A (ability, all)

M (many, must, meet)

W (when, who, we, win)

O (often, over, one)

R (ready, right, roar, role, rest, romp)

K (know, kind, kids, key, keep)

Golden Gate Fun Facts

Read these trivia questions together.

Q: Why is it called the “Golden Gate Bridge”?

A: It is named after the Golden Gate Strait, which is the body of water at the entrance to San Francisco Bay.

Q: How long did it take to build the bridge?

A: About four years, from 1933 to 1937.

Q: How many workers died during the construction of the bridge?

A: Eleven. Their names are listed on a plaque at the south entrance.

Q: How much did it cost to build the bridge?

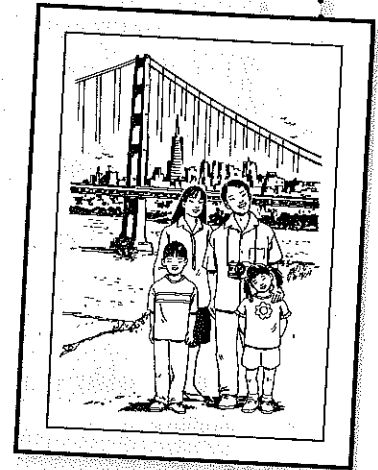
A: About \$35 million. That would be more than \$1 billion today.

Q: How long is the bridge?

A: 8,981 feet, or 1.7 miles.

Q: How many cars have crossed the bridge since 1937?

A: Close to 2 billion.



Puzzle Partners The family in *Pop's Bridge* puts together a bridge puzzle. Together, make your own puzzle. Use glue or dry mount spray to attach a picture to a piece of cardboard. Cut the picture into pieces.



Book Links

- *Bridges*, by Seymour Simon
- *The Tiger's Apprentice*, by Laurence Yep **CHALLENGE**



Internet Challenge Together, check out the official website for the Golden Gate Bridge. It has a live webcam, video clips of bridge workers, and a virtual tour with a 360-degree view from atop the towers.