

A Village on the Cliffs

Review Key Words¹

edge

village

strange



Write a Prediction

Read the Story²⁻⁴

6 Three men rode across the dry
land. **Sagebrush** was everywhere.
10 The men were looking for lost
16 cattle when they came to the **edge**
23 of a huge **canyon**. They stopped
29 and looked across. They **beheld** a
35 strange sight.

37 The men saw what looked like a
44 large **village**, **wedged** in the canyon
50 walls. It sat on the **ledges** of the
58 **cliffs**. There were no other people
64 there. The people had left **ages** ago.

71 The men had found an **ancient**
77 village. Early American Indians built

82 it about 800 years ago. They lived
89 there for about 100 years, and then
96 they left.

98 Why did they leave? Did the
104 weather change? Was there too little
110 rain? Were they in danger from their
117 enemies? No one knows for sure.

123 Today the village is called Cliff
129 Palace, and many people go to
135 Colorado to see it. Park **rangers**
141 tell these **tourists** about the early
147 American Indians who once lived on
153 the cliffs.

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Write the Answers

1. What did the men find while looking for lost cattle?

3. What word from the story means people who work in parks?

2. Write two reasons the American Indians may have left the village.

4. Where did the village sit?

5. Write a sentence telling how long ago the early American Indians left the village.

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Practice the Word List (dge, ge)⁵

	7	14	
21	edge	village	strange
24	wedge	pillage	change
27	ledge	spillage	range
30	pledge	ages	ranger
33	sledge	wages	danger
36	sludge	sages	manger
39	smudge	stages	stranger
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Practice 1: _____ Practice 2: _____ Practice 3: _____ Practice 4: _____ Practice 5: _____ Passed: _____

Write the Words⁶

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