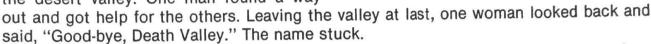
## What is Death Valley?

## Gray's Social Studies AMI Day 3

The lowest piece of land in the Western Hemisphere is a desert valley that stretches across parts of California and Nevada. It is 282 feet below sea level in places. This area is also very hot. In summer, noon temperatures often reach 120 to 125 degrees. Once it hit a sizzling 134. The name of this harsh land is Death Valley.

Death Valley got its name in 1850. A group of settlers were heading west in search of gold. Because of a mistake on their map, they got lost in the middle of the desert valley. One man found a way



In spite of its name, however, Death Valley is full of life. Burros, birds, snakes, lizards, and rare bighorn sheep live there. So do some unusual fish called pupfish. They may be Death Valley's oldest creatures. The tiny pupfish have lived in the valley's streams and pools for thousands of years.

Death Valley also has many human visitors. In 1933, it was made a national monument. Its 3,000 square miles were set aside for everyone's enjoyment. Each year more than half a million tourists come to the valley. They appreciate its breathtaking scenery as well as its deserted mining towns, camping sites, and museum. Death Valley seems to have something for everyone.

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