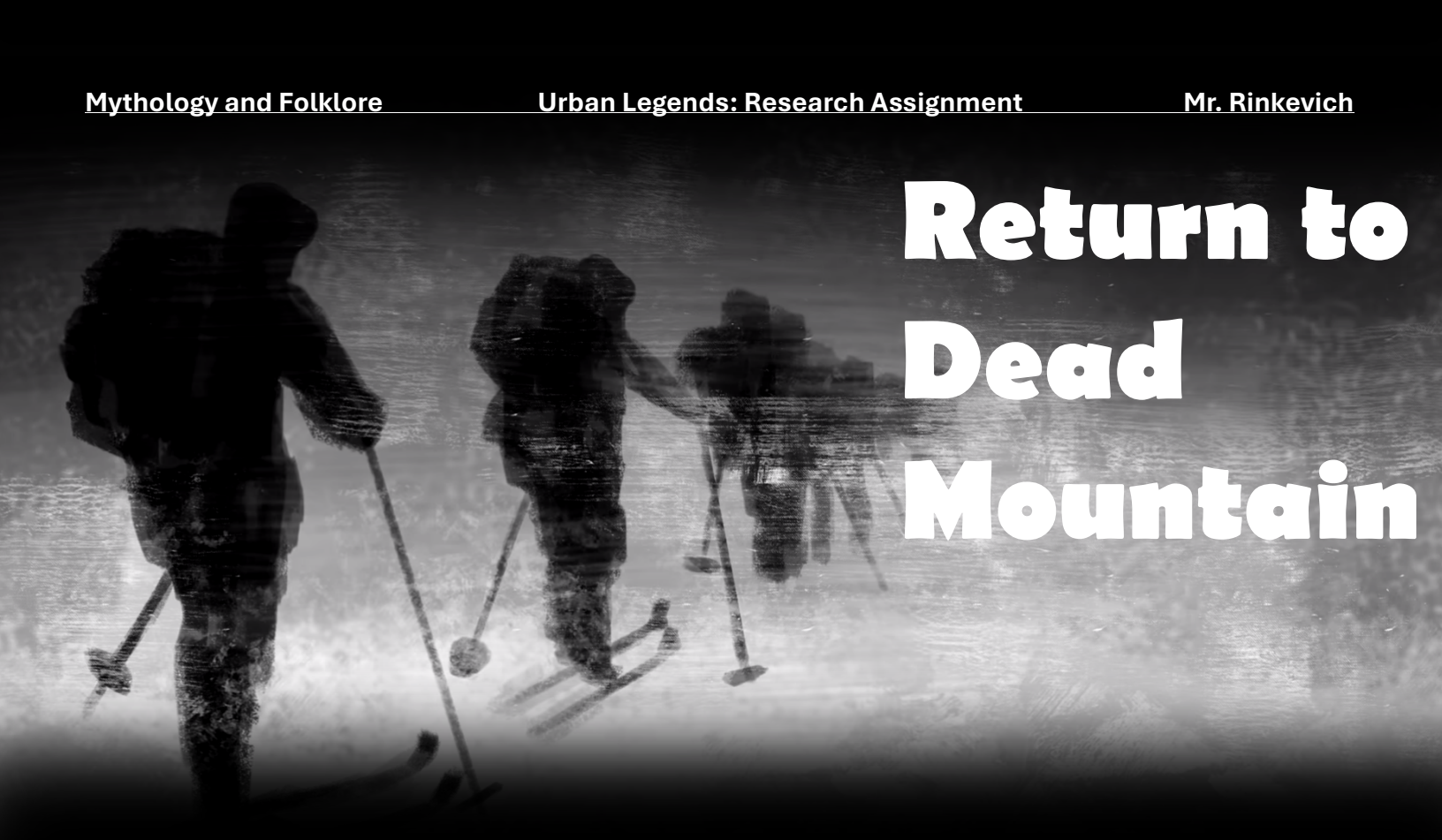


A black and white photograph showing the silhouettes of several hikers or skiers moving across a snowy, mountainous terrain. They are carrying poles and appear to be in a line, ascending or descending the slope. The background is a bright, hazy white, suggesting a snowy or foggy environment.

Return to Dead Mountain

Nine Hikers. Mysterious Circumstances Surrounding Their Deaths. Some Fully Clothed. Others Barely So. Avalanches. Katabatic Winds. Hypothermia. Mass Panic. Radiation Contamination. Government Coverups. Conspiracies. Alleged UFO Sightings. Yetis. Military Experiments. Time Travel? Plenty of theories and speculations, but no definitive answers.

By now, you know or have at least heard of, to some extent, the mysterious deaths of Igor Dyatlov and his hiking party which has come to be known as **The Dyatlov Pass Incident**.

It's a mystery wrapped in an enigma that has been safeguarded by time and secrecy. Some of the foremost experts from Forensic Pathology, Geology and Meteorology to Military Intelligence and Outdoor Survival and everything in between have tried to solve the case, but in the end they all come to the same dead end – a theory that fails to hold up to basic scrutiny.

That is... until now. We are bringing in the foremost experts on anything and everything – High School Juniors and Seniors! Armed with a social media education and an unmatched work ethic this dynamic group is up for any and all challenges. At long last we will finally have a definitive answer to one of the most perplexing mysteries of our time – What *really* happened at Dyatlov Pass?

The Assignment

You and a fellow investigator will sift through all of the case information and develop two theories - one “grounded” theory and one “outside the box” theory (one does need to keep an open mind to “other possibilities” after all).

You need to back up your claims with two types of sources:

- Sources related directly to the Dyatlov Pass case
- Sources **NOT** directly connected to it (Ex – Websites about weather conditions to support a theory that claims the hikers died due to a specific weather condition).

Guidelines

- 1-2 Students per group
- 2 Theories per assignment
 - o 1 Grounded Theory
 - o 1 Outside the Box Theory
 - o Include both theories in the same paper
- Each theory will be 1-3 pages in length.
- At least three sources per theory
 - o Two sources directly related to Dyatlov Pass
 - o At least one source must not be directly related to Dyatlov Pass
- Internal Citation
- Work Cited Page

Format

- Times New Roman
- Size 12
- Black Ink

