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{Nonfiction Passage}

# Wigwams



Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions.

The Algonquin tribes lived in homes called **wigwams**. Wigwam means "home." Wigwams are houses that are usually eight to ten feet tall. They are made out of wooden frames and covered with birch bark. The men were in charge of building the frames. The bark was woven together before it was placed over the wooden frame. This was done to make the structure stronger. The frame of the home can be rectangular, cone, or dome shaped.

The wigwam is fairly easy to build, but it is not **portable**. Portable means that it could be packed up and moved from place to place. It made for a good home for the Algonquins, because they stayed in one place for several months at a time. The wigwam also stayed secure during tough storms!

1. What does the word "wigwam" mean?

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2. Is the wigwam able to be moved from location to location?

Yes      No

3. Who was in charge of building the wooden frames?

a. men      b. women      c. children      d. Whole family

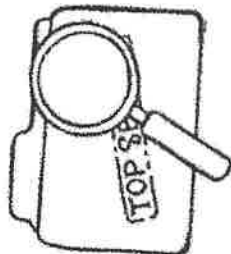
4. Algonquins packed up and traveled every few days or so.

True      or      False

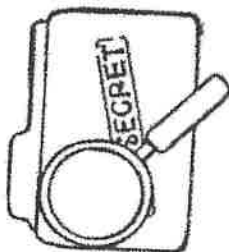
5. Why was the bark woven together?

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# FEELING DETECTIVE



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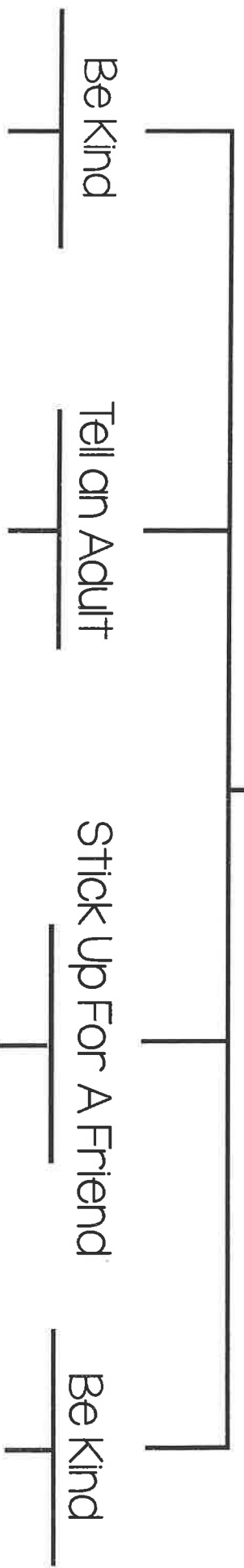
Angry



Proud

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# How to Stop Bullying



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# Saving Money



Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions.

Saving money may seem hard to some kids, but if you have a plan you can make it happen. First, you should set some goals and write them down on paper. Maybe you want to save enough money to go to the movies in a couple of weeks. You could be trying to help your youth group meet a donation goal. Whatever you want to raise your money for, make sure you write it down along with your plan of action. Meeting a big goal is easier if you set small goals along the way. For example, you may want to save 5 dollars a week for two months.

The next part of your plan should be how you are going to earn money. If you receive a weekly allowance, you need to make sure you complete all of your chores to earn it! You may want to talk to your parents and see if you can set up a lemonade stand. Your parents may also be interested in giving you a few more **responsibilities** in order to help you meet your goal. If you put in a lot of effort, you may just meet your goal!

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1. What is one reason that YOU might want to save money?

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2. What is synonym for responsibilities?

a. treats      b. friends      c. things      d. jobs

3. How do some kids earn an allowance?

a. chores      b. birthdays      c. smiling      d. all of these options

4. If you have a big goal, you should NOT worry about short term goals.

True      or      False

5. What should you write down to help you save money?

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Cut around the templates. Put glue under "Making Inferences." Write what you can infer after reading each statement from the book.

# MAKING INFERENCE

"He's a goner," said his brother Runt.

"Only the biggest and best for my team!"

He saw the drool on her lips.

One by one, the fattest, roundest turkeys were chosen.

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**FACT #3**



**FACT #4**



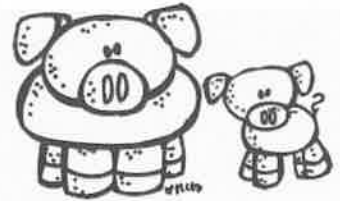
**FACT #1**

**FACT #2**

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# Farm Life



Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions.

Have you ever visited a farm? There are all kinds of interesting animals on a farm: turkeys, pigs, horses, and cows just to name a few.

Did you know pigs are actually very clean animals? They do not even have sweat glands. They are also considered to be very intelligent and **social** too. They like having human **companions** or lying near other pigs.

Another fascinating creature you may find on a farm is a cow. Cows spend a large majority of their day eating! It is said they eat about ten out of twenty-four hours every day! This is even more amazing when you realize they only have teeth on the bottom of their mouth.

When people think of farms, horses often come to mind. Horses only sleep for two to three hours total a day. They make up for their lack of sleeping with drinking. They drink up to ten gallons of water a day!

1. The text names four different farm animals. What are they?

2. What is synonym for companions?

- a. enemies      b. friends      c. family      d. classmates

3. Horses do a lot of what?

- a. sleeping      b. drinking water      c. crying      d. none of these

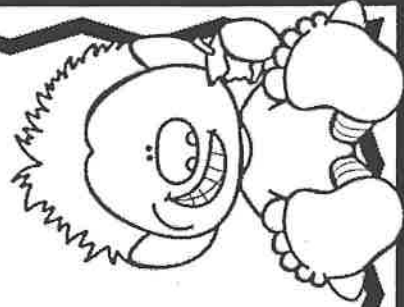
4. When you are social you like being around people or other animals.

True      or      False

5. What is the most interesting fact you read in the passage?

**Use evidence from  
the text in your  
answers.**

Then when they were through stuffing themselves, they tumbled about, pinching each other, stamping on one another's toes, and tweaking their long snouts, which is how trolls have fun.



**How would you  
describe the  
trolls?**

**Look for text clues  
to help you infer.**

It was quiet again, but the delicious smells wafted around the hut. Kyri got to thinking. *Is the sausage salty enough?* She took a piece for herself and gave one to the boy.

**What can you  
infer about  
Kyri's  
personality?**

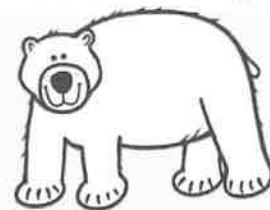




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# Polar Bears



Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions.

Polar bears are very powerful and large animals. Male polar bears grow to about ten feet and females grow to about seven feet. Many people are surprised to find out that polar bears actually have black skin under their fur. They also have a thick layer of fat called blubber that keeps them warm in the freezing temperatures. Polar bears can swim up to six miles an hour, but they can get up to speeds of twenty-five miles per hour when running on land.

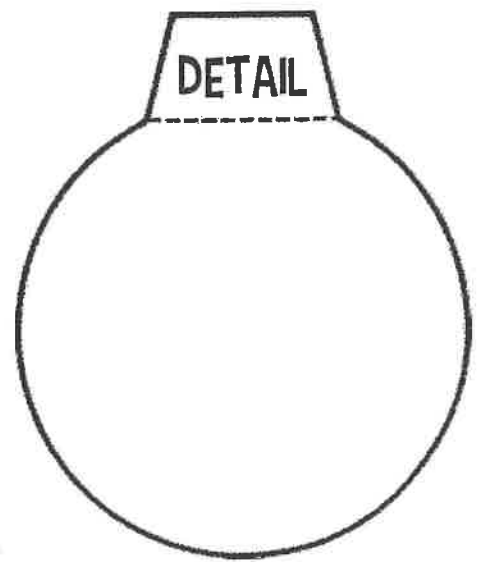
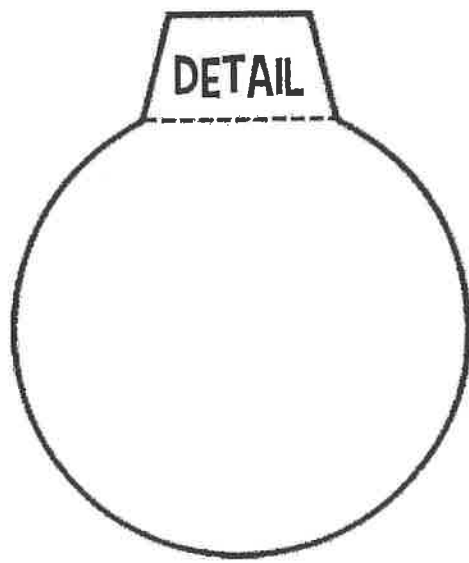
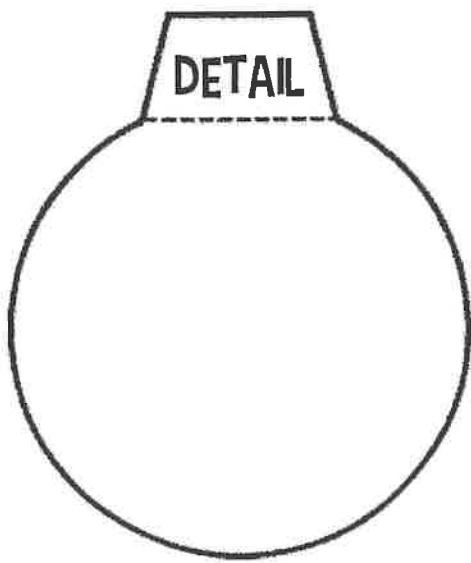
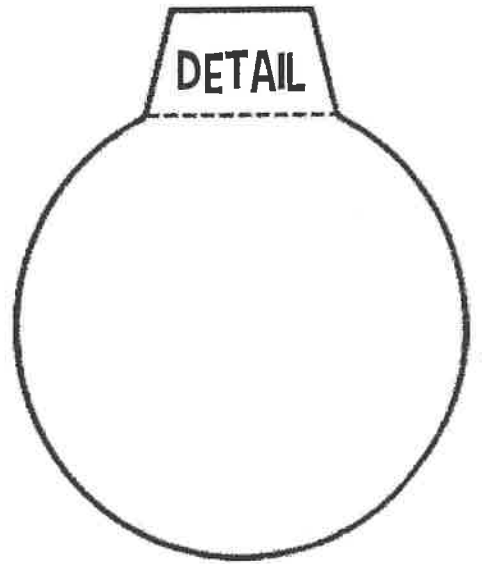
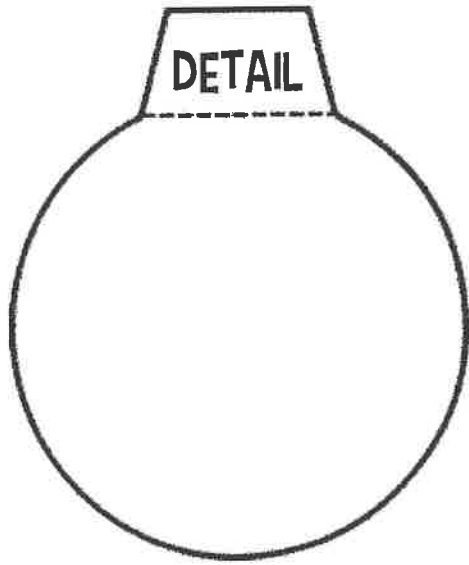
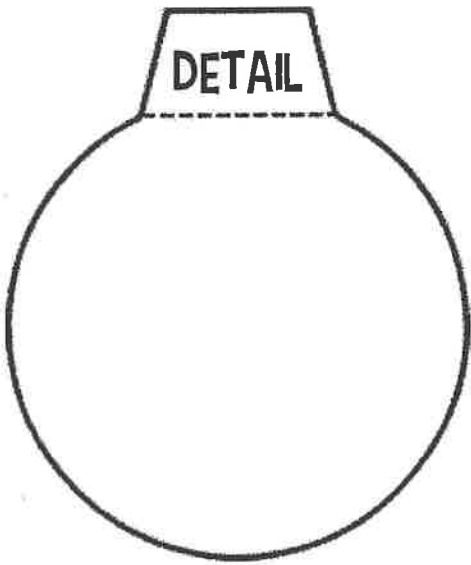
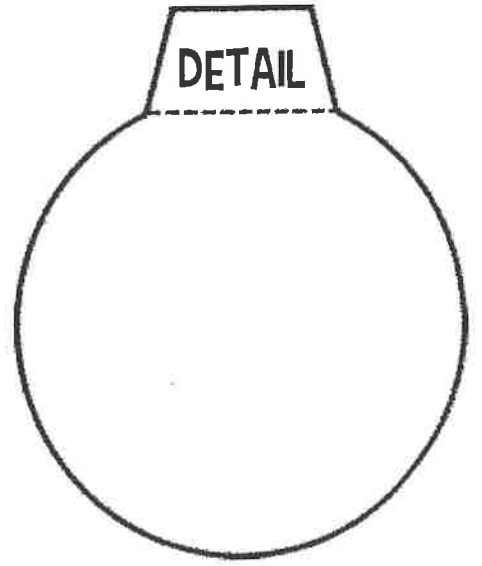
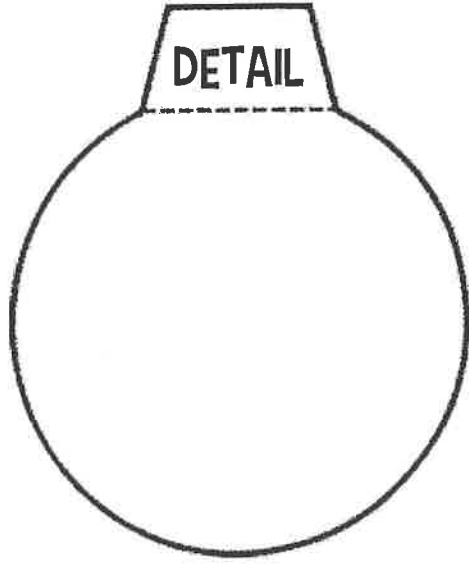
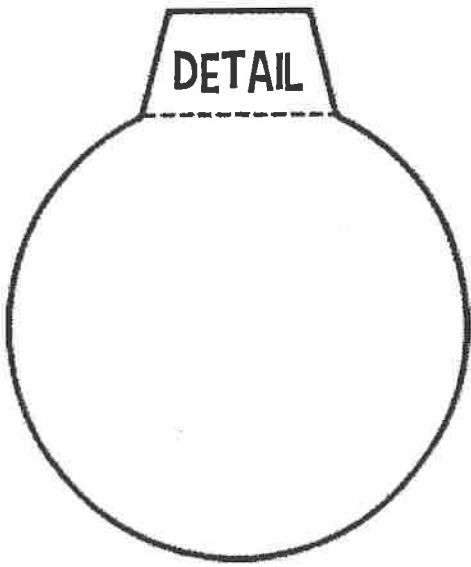
Polar bears' main prey is a seal. The polar bear can hunt the seal by swimming or lying at the edge of the ice waiting for the seal to come up for air. It is said that a polar bear can smell a seal up to a mile away! The polar bears don't have any predators out in the wild except humans. They also are harmed by pollution, especially oil spills.

1. **What color of skin do polar bears have?**  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. **The writer of this passage was trying to do what?**  
a. give you information    b. make you laugh    c. make you cry
3. **How do polar bears move the fastest?**  
a. swimming    b. sliding on their bellies    c. running
4. **The polar bear's great sense of sight helps him hunt.**  
True    or    False
5. **What are two ways that a polar bear hunts?**  
\_\_\_\_\_



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Idea

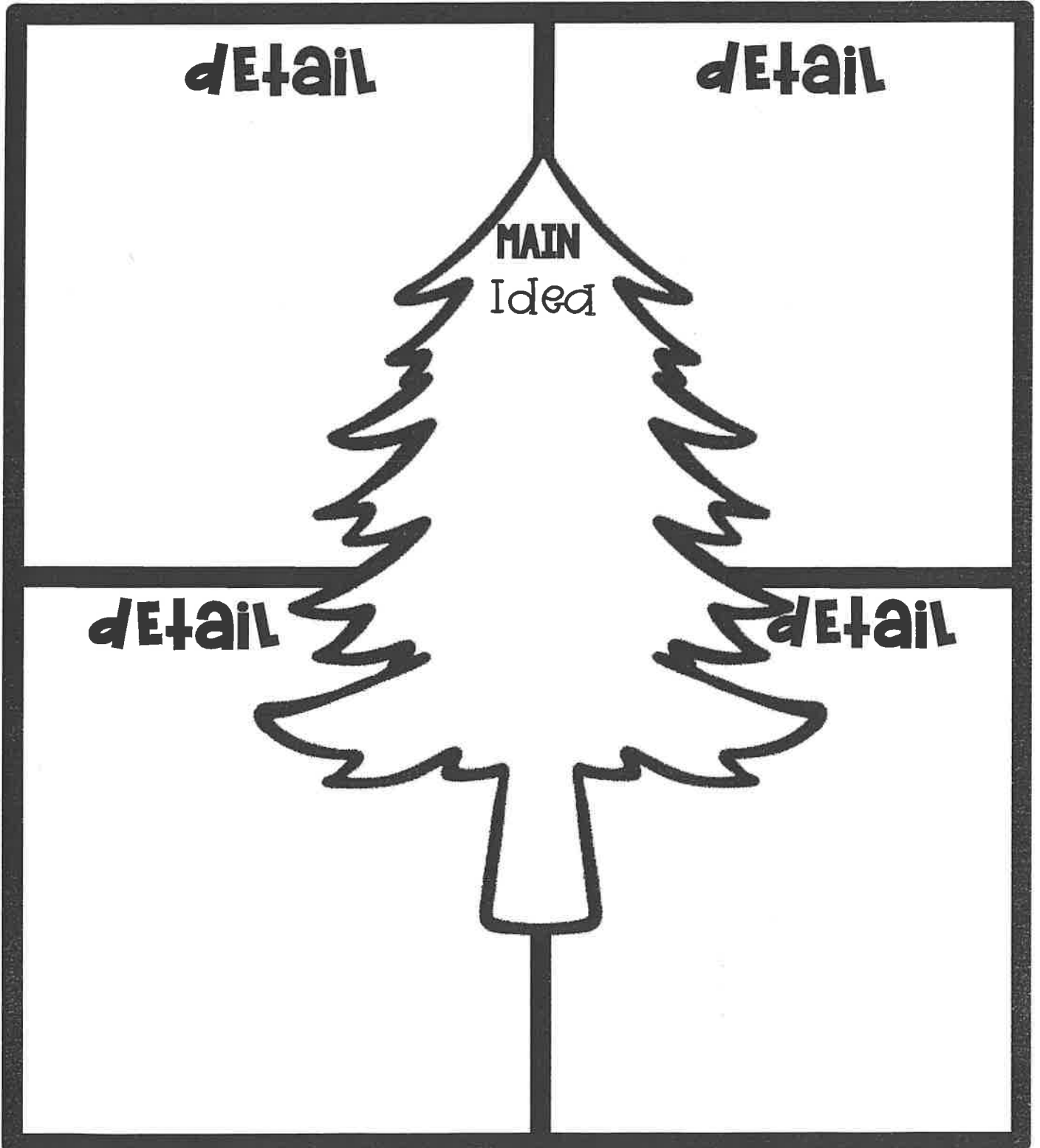
Students should glue the tree into their notebooks. They should write the main idea of Night Tree on the tree. They should write the details on the ornament and glue them on the tree.



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# MAIN Idea!

Identify the main idea. Offer four supporting details.



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{Nonfiction Passage}

# Evergreen Trees



Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions.

The trees that many Americans decorate and place in their living rooms for the month of December are known as Evergreen trees. Evergreen trees stay green all year long! Another way they are different than most trees is that they have needles instead of leaves. Evergreen trees are important to animals because they provide shelter and food all year long. Did you know the largest tree in the world is an evergreen tree called a pine tree? It is located in the Redwood Forest of California.

There are whole farms dedicated to raising these beautiful trees. Oregon, a state located on the West Coast of the United States, grows the most Christmas trees of any state. The evergreen tree's flower is actually a pine cone! The seed is located inside the pine cone. Animals use pine cones for food, and people use pine cones for crafts and decorations.

1. **Where is the tallest tree in the world located?**

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2. **What do evergreen trees have instead of leaves?**

a. branches      b. needles      c. grass

3. **Where is Oregon?**

a. East Coast      b. West Coast      c. Midwest


4. **Evergreen trees' seeds are inside of the pine cones.**

True      or      False


5. **What are two things humans use pine cones for?**

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Cut around the template and in between the questions. Glue under the "Cause and Effect" part. Use with Monday's lesson.



# CAUSE AND EFFECT




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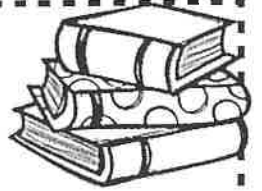
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# STORY ELEMENTS

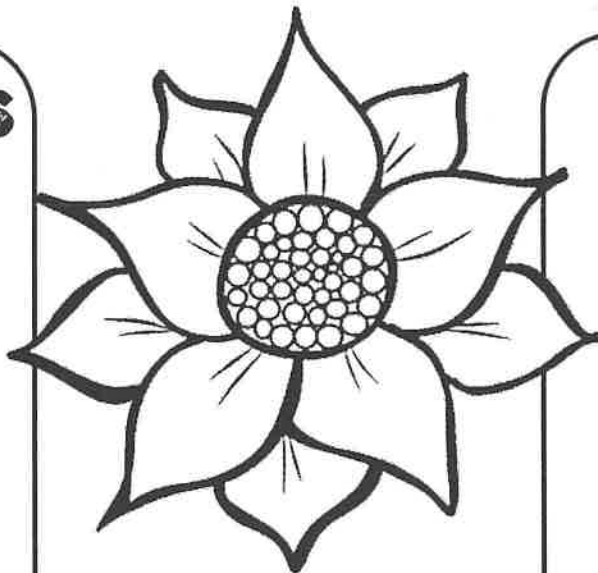


Directions: Write about the story elements in The Legend of the Poinsettia by Tomie dePoala.

**Title**

**Setting**

**Characters**



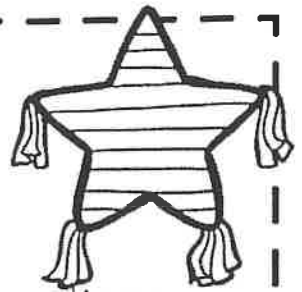
**Solution**

**Problem**

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# A MEXICAN CHRISTMAS

{Informational Passage}



Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions.

## Las Posadas

Starting on December 16<sup>th</sup> there are nightly processions through town. Two children lead the parade as they all sing songs. The whole town gets involved in the acting during these nights.

## Piñata

The piñata is a brightly colored container made of paper that is filled with candies and toys. The kids take turns being blindfolded and hitting the piñata with a stick until it breaks open. Then all the kids rush to gather the treats.

## Christmas Eve

At midnight on Christmas Eve, there are fireworks, whistles blowing, and cheering. People rush into churches to celebrate Christmas. The families then return home to have a large feast.

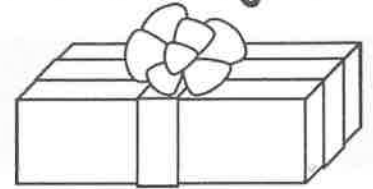
1. What do you think **processions** means?  
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2. Who all participates in Las Posada?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Piñatas are statues that the townspeople put up at Christmas.  
True or False
4. How do Mexican people celebrate at midnight on Christmas Eve?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Las Posadas begins on December 16<sup>th</sup> each year.  
True or False



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{Fiction Passage}

# Buying a Gift



Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions.

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Jerome and his dad, Ty, headed to the subway station to go downtown. They wanted to buy his mom something extra special for Christmas. As they were walking toward the train, someone ran by Ty and accidentally knocked his wallet out of his hand. "Oh man!" yelled Jerome's dad as his wallet fell down into the gutter. Jerome and Ty just stood and stared down into the hole. "What are we going to do Dad?" asked Jerome. "Son, I have no idea." stated Ty.

Just about that time a tall man in uniform **sauntered** over to the guys, "I might be able to help you all." He snapped open a contraption that looked a lot like a really long arm. As the guys watched in amazement, he put the arm down into the gutter and retrieved Ty's once lost wallet. Jerome cheered and hugged the officer. "Sir, you really saved our Christmas." smiled Ty. Then he and Jerome turned and headed toward the train.

CAUSE

A guy ran into Jerome's dad in the subway station.



EFFECT

CAUSE



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Jerome cheered and hugged the officer.

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# FACT

# OPINION

The Iditarod race takes place in Alaska and is 1,151 miles long.

Husky dogs are the most beautiful dogs because of their black and white fur.

1,000 miles is too long to expect dogs to run.

Akiak suffered an injury that Mick decided was too bad to let Akiak continue.

When a sled gets within fifty feet of the team in front of it, the lead team should stop and let the other team pass.

Everyone should try to complete an Iditarod race once in his/her life.

Warm weather is better than cold weather.

The most dogs that can be on a team is sixteen. The team must finish with at least five dogs.

**FACTS ABOUT ALASKA**

**MY OPINION ABOUT  
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# Taking Care of a Dog

Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions.

When getting a pet dog, there are several things that you need to be prepared to do in order to take care of your new pet! Dogs need lots of exercise and play. Plan on taking your dog for a walk once a day and be prepared to clean up after your dog when he goes potty. In order to help dogs get some of their energy out, you can find a safe place to throw a ball to your dog. Some dogs will retrieve the ball, but some won't!

It is important to remember that your dog will need to be fed 2-3 times a day depending on how old your dog is. They also need to have water available at all times. Remember just like you, dogs need toys and companionship. Many dogs like bones, stuffed animals, and chew toys. They like to play with kids, but children need to understand not to get dogs too excited because someone could get hurt. The most important thing about taking care of a dog is to give him plenty of time and attention.

**1. Write three sentences that contain information about how to take care of a dog.**

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**2. Write three sentences that state your opinion on owning a dog.**

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# KEY FACTS

## {IMPORTANT INFORMATION}

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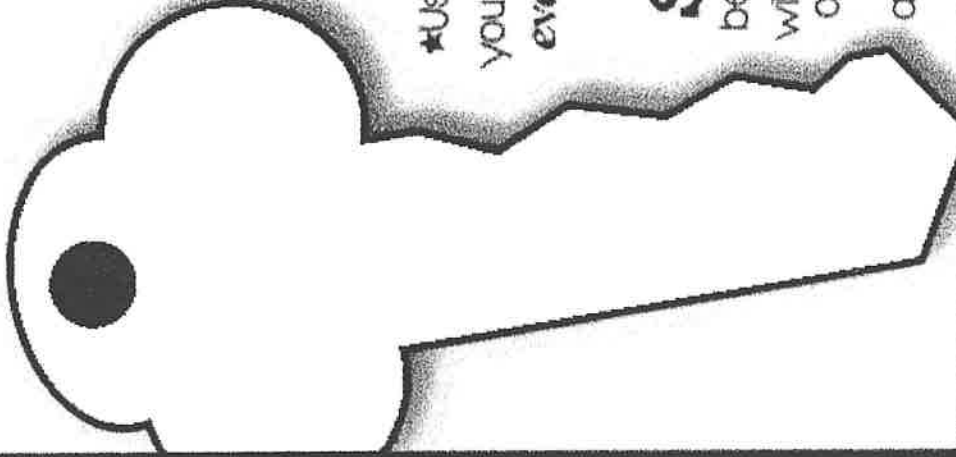
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# KEY EVENTS

# IRRELEVANT INFO

Young Martin and his friends enjoyed riding bikes when they were younger.	When MLK was six his best friend told him he wasn't allowed to play with him anymore.
MLK was writing speeches at the age of 14 to express his feelings and make people think.	Baseball, football, and basketball were Martin's favorite sports.
MLK Jr. and his dad were both born with the name Michael.	MLK Jr. constantly spoke of not using violence and to instead use words.
In 1960, Dr. King moved back to Atlanta to help lead marches and protests.	Martin's childhood home in Atlanta was painted yellow.

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{Fiction Passage}



# Peaceful Playgrounds

Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions.

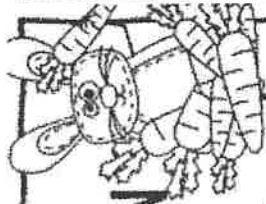
Josie sprinted around the bases as her teammates cheered her on loudly from the sideline. She jumped on home plate only a second before the kickball whizzed past her back. The kids surrounded her with sweaty hugs and applause. Josie glanced up and saw a boy sitting and watching the game. His shoulders were **slumped** over and he was leaning against a tree by himself. "Hey guys, why don't we invite him to play on our team?" Josie asked. "Josie, we have plenty of teammates and look at him. He's so small, I bet he can't kick the ball really far." Adam stated. "Really Adam? Is that important? I am pretty sure if you were left out, that you would want us to include you."

Josie marched over to the boy and reached out her hand. "Hi! My name is Josie. What's yours?" The boy **hesitated** and then reached out his hand to Josie, "Mark." "Well, hello Mark! We really need a second baseman! Would you like to join our game?" Josie asked. Mark grinned from ear to ear and jogged out to the second base. Within minutes, Mark was joining in with the cheers and even made a big play. Josie smiled as she remembered the words of her teacher, "All it takes is for one person to stand up for what's right."

1. What do you think **slumped** means?

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2. **Hesitated** is a synonym for what word?  
a. cried      b. paused      c. looked
3. Why didn't Adam want Mark to play?  
a. too small      b. too many kids      c. both of these
4. Josie listened to her teacher's advice.  
True      or      False
5. How can you tell Mark was excited about joining the game?



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# LEARNING ABOUT LESSON

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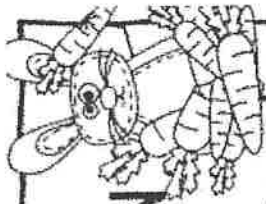
How did that work out for them?

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Cut out. Put glue underneath "Looking at the Text." Glue into your spiral. Read the quotes from the text. Write and draw what you think Alexander is talking about.

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"I told my grandma and grandpa to come back soon."

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{Fiction Passage}

# The Yard Sale



Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions.

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Cassie, Addie, and Reese have been planning their yard sale for weeks. They had been packing forgotten toys, **outgrown** clothes, and old furniture into boxes. On Saturday morning the girls met in Reese's front yard. They set up a cash box on a small table and waited for their first customers. The girls spent all morning helping people and collecting their earnings. They had big plans for their money. They wanted to take a trip to the water park one town over. It had a twenty-five foot tall water slide that was supposed to be awesome!

Toward the end of the day, an older man walked up to their table and started looking through a box full of baseball cards. The gentleman stopped looking through the cards and stood **stunned**. "By Golly!" yelled George. George gently picked up a card and held it up to the girls. "I've been looking for this card for years! My son will be so excited to receive this for his birthday!" George paid the girls and walked down the street with an extra hop in his step.

1. What do you think **outgrown** means?

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2. Stunned is a synonym for what word?

a. embarrassed      b. shocked      c. scared

3. Why were the baseball cards so valuable?

a. they are rare      b. they are pretty      c. they are big

4. George bought the baseball cards as a gift for his son.

True      or      False

5. What did the girls plan on doing with their earnings?

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