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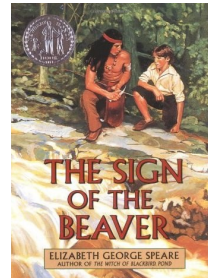
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“Sign of the Beaver”

Chapters 16-19 Summary

Nikki A.

Fifth Grade
Mrs. Derby



In the novel, *Sign of the Beaver*, by Elizabeth George Speare, Attean from the Beaver Clan invites Matt Hallowell, a European settler, to his village for the first time. Matt sees the Indians had worn their best for the feast. Attean retold the story of the bear killing. Later, the Indians danced. When Matt was about to collapse from dancing, everyone stopped and the feast began. Full from bear stew, Matt fell asleep in the guest wigwam.

In the morning, Attean told Matt to leave quickly, because his grandmother did not want him there. Attean explained that she hated all white men because her daughter, Attean's mother, was scalped by white men for no reason. Then Attean's father went on a war trail to avenge his wife's death, but never came back.

The next day, Matt found Attean's dog caught in an iron trap in Turtle Clan territory. He tried to help the dog, but he was unable to free it. Matt went to the village and asked Attean's grandmother for help. She told Attean's sister, Marie, to help Matt. Together, they

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The Editors' Corner

Working Toward One-to-One

Technology at Bonita Canyon has taken on a new look in recent months. Thanks to our generous PTA, there are now enough Chromebook carts to have one per grade level. The increased access means fewer problems with availability when a class chooses to do writing with technology.

Chromebooks are like laptops, but are independent of networks. They access files on the Internet only. This is part of a district-wide trend. We are now using Google Classroom and Canvas more frequently to make assignments. As a district, we are working toward having one device per student available during the school day. When your child reaches high school, that will almost certainly be the norm.

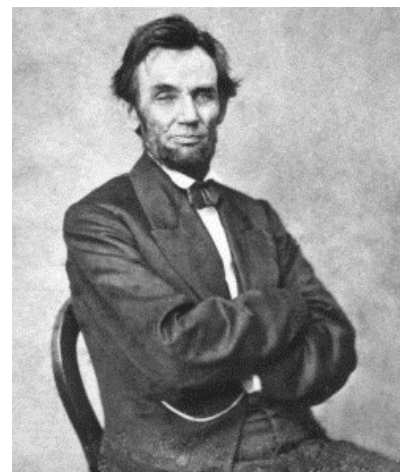
Technology, however, does not magically produce better writing. It is the dedicated teacher working with engaged students willing to take risks that make writing memorable. Check out this issue to see what we mean.

Abraham Lincoln

Maanya G.

First Grade

Mrs. Hinkle



Today I'm writing about Abraham Lincoln. Abe was born on February 12, 1809 in a log cabin in Kentucky. His family was very poor. In 1816 his family moved to Indiana. At the age of 7 he loved books. In 1818 his mother died. A few months later he got kicked by a mule. Then his father remarried a girl named Sara. Abe learned day and night. In 1830 he traveled on a flat boat and that was when he saw slaves. When he got to Illinois he became a store clerk. Once Abe walked 3 miles to return 6¢. He overpaid a lady. In 1836 he taught himself to be

a lawyer. He had a hat that if he wore it he would be 7 feet tall. In 1842 he married Mary Todd and soon had 4 boys. In 1860 he became the president. In 1861 was the Civil War, it lasted 4 years. In 1862 he gave speeches when the war was going on.

In 1862 he signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

In 1863 he made Thanksgiving a holiday. He gave a speech called the Gettysburg Address. In 1865 he took his wife to the Ford Theater and was shot and killed.



Go Bananas!

Milan M.
Fourth Grade
Miss Kreher



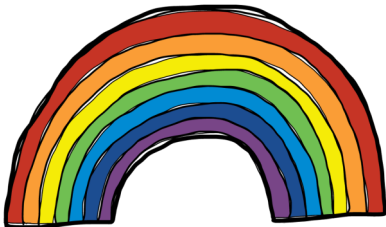
Will a monkey make a good pet for a family? I think they will, and these are some reasons why.

They can socialize well, so you would always have someone to play with. Not only can they socialize well, but they need to socialize just like humans need exercise. Socializing with humans and other animals is a requirement for having a pet monkey. However, like I said, this primate will always play with you when you want, because they're playful.

Monkeys also have a diet that has a variety of foods. If you stick to what they eat, you will be able to give them many foods that you might even have in your house before you get a monkey... well, if you *do* get a monkey. They eat boiled eggs, fruit, vegetables, pasta, insects, and monkey chow. Like I said, many of these foods are already in your home.

Monkeys are smart, so they can learn many things to help humans and to interact with humans. Monkeys can use tools and other things like sign language to communicate with us. Some monkeys, like the vervet monkeys, hide in the clumps of trees, and bushes for safety. Isn't that smart?! As new world monkeys climb, they use their tail as an anchor to keep from falling off where they're climbing. That just proves they're smart.

For these reasons, I think a monkey would make a great pet for your family. Because not only are they smart, clever, have a nutritious diet, and are good at socializing, but they are great companions, too! Get a monkey today!



Rainbow Poem

Warren N.
Second Grade
Miss Pernaitis

Red tastes like hot sriracha and looks like blood
Orange tastes like an orange and feels like soft fruit
Yellow looks like a bright glow and sounds like, "Aaaaah!"
Green smells like sneeze goo and feels like glooming grass of gloom
Blue feels like a strong wave of horror and smells like stinky sand water
Indigo looks like chamomile hair and smells like a pair of stinky socks
Purple taste like rotten blueberries and looks like gleaming gnomes



I Love...

Quinn B.
Kindergarten
Mrs. Watson



“Sign of the Beaver” Chapters 16-19 Summary

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freed the dog, earning its trust and respect. Matt also earned the grandmother's respect for going out of his way to free his friend's dog. Now the grandmother welcomed Matt back to the village. Here, Matt played with the Indian boys, who were rough with him. He felt he passed a test with them, becoming their friends.

Matt no longer felt alone in the woods, because he was welcome in the Indian village and he had new friends.





A “Cool Story” from *My Culture Day* 1984 Olympics

Helena K.

Sixth Grade

Miss Reeser

Imagine being told that you could be in the opening ceremony of the Olympics. In 1984, my mom was told she could participate in the opening ceremony of the Olympics. At the time, she was attending college at UCLA as a junior. My mom did a lot of interesting things, because she sang in choir in college. She got to go to Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, and sing on National TV in Taiwan. But, by far the most exciting thing my mom got to do was participate in the opening ceremony of the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

It all started like a normal day at UCLA; my mom was walking in to choir, talking to her friends, when all of a sudden Mr. Hatcher, her choir director, was yelling at them to sit down, be quiet, and listen up. They knew something was up because of the serious tone of voice. He even hit his baton on the metal music stand loudly. He said, “I have been given the job of directing a 1,000 voice honor choir for the opening ceremonies of the Olympics this summer.” He looked around the room and said, “Ten of you will be picked to sing.” She learned later that ten kids from each community college and university in Southern California, both public and private, would be picked to sing.

My mom and thousands of others from colleges in Southern California auditioned, all of them knowing only ten would be picked. The news finally came out, and my mom had been chosen. There were many long tiring rehearsals to attend before the opening ceremonies. Then the day of the dress rehearsal came. The dress rehearsal was at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum at USC. My dad and my grandma attended the dress rehearsal, because my mom could invite two people to watch. My mom was so excited. Even though the Olympic athletes weren’t there yet, it was the whole opening ceremony without them.

The day of the Olympics was finally there. My mom said that the funny thing was that they had to do more driving in a bus than singing. Let me explain all the behind-the-scenes of that day. The day started early for her. My mom had to get up at 4:00 am and had to be dressed in her special all-white choir costume they gave her, and be at the bus to board by 5:00 am. The buses took the choir all the way out to Santa Anita Park in Arcadia which took about 45 minutes to get there. All the choir members from each college met there. Then they had to board special Olympic buses to take them all the way back to the Coliseum at USC for the staging of the opening ceremonies.

“That’s where all the driving came in,” my mom said.

My mom remembers that it was a really hot and muggy day in July, and thankfully they put them next to the coliseum in the sports arena, where USC played all their basketball games. My mom said everyone was starting to get excited, but little did they know the waiting was just beginning. The sports arena held 16,000 people, so you can imagine my mom’s surprise when the doors started opening, and all the Olympic athletes dressed in all their colorful uniforms from all over the world started streaming in to wait with her and all the other choir members. My mom said then the fun began. All the choir members and athletes started running around shaking hands and saying hello. The Olympic organizers brought in hundreds of beach balls in all sizes, shapes, and colors. They all started to bat the beach balls around. My mom said they had so much fun that

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Amazing Sour Patch

Elika A.

Fourth Grade
Miss Kayashima

As soon as I put a Sour Patch in my mouth, I feel like I can do anything! They are just so chewy and make my taste buds start dancing. They also smell so amazing, like a cube of sugar, and make my mouth start watering. I love the transition of sour to sweet that a Sour Patch has. I think Sour Patch candy is heaven!

Sour Patch candy is the most amazing thing in the whole wide world. It has many flavors such as green apple, cherry, grape, and blueberry. The texture inside of the candy is a really soft and squishy. Biting into it is like biting into an extra soft gummy bear. It is so satisfying biting into a Sour Patch and having the sensation of flavor burst in your mouth. Sour Patch candy is the absolute best candy in the universe!

I love everything about Sour Patch, from the variety of flavors to the shape of the candy. The shape of a Sour Patch is super funny. They are shaped like a person who has very curly hair. A perfect grab and go snack because they are small and come in different sized packages from really small to super big. Sour Patch candy is super easy to find at any convenience or grocery store. If you are on a road trip and you want a little snack to nibble on, just stop by a gas station and there are probably packets of Sour Patch just waiting for you.

Sour Patch is the most delicious candy ever made!



1984 Olympics

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the hours of waiting went quickly. Then all of a sudden, the choir members were told to line up and soon they were marching them out to take their place at the end of the Coliseum right under where the Olympic torch would be lit. In all the pictures of the opening ceremonies, the choir could be seen clearly, as it was the only white part around the stadium. My mom said that it was so exciting to sing all the songs in the opening ceremonies, and the crowd loved the sound of the huge 1,000 voice choir.

In the end, there were 92,000 people watching the opening ceremonies live and 2 billion people watching it on TV around the world. During the ceremony, there was a man who flew in on a jet pack, and in 1984 that was considered very advanced. Although it was 32 years ago, my mom says she can remember it like it was yesterday. Did you know that in 2024 the Olympics might be coming back to Los Angeles? I would be a freshman in college. I know that the opening ceremonies would need dancers. Maybe I can audition and dance in the opening ceremonies and carry on the family tradition.





Art Mural

Mitch B.

Third Grade

Mrs. Oehlman/Mrs. Jacobson

This story is about one of the most exciting things in January. And that is...our class mural!! In the month of January we made a mural. We each got to make a part of the mural however we wanted to. I made a football, and in the background I put a goal post.

Our art teacher was Mr. Tracey. We spent six weeks making this project. Now, I'm going to tell you about the parts of the project. The mural was made from a medium sized square tile. There was a little curved line on our tile to start with. Now I will go back to telling you how it was built.

When we were done designing on our paper we moved onto coloring. My background was light and dark blue, my goal post was yellow, and the football was brown and white. The next week, Mr. Tracey brought in some black paint and I painted my laces on the football. Then we put them together and we had our mural. Now the mural rests against our wall where everyone can see it. It was a lot of fun making our mural!



Color Poem

Riley B.

Second Grade

Mrs. Gramata & Mrs. Pursley



Red sounds like loud firecrackers booming in the sky
and tastes like warm tomatoes in my soup.
Orange smells like hot pumpkin on the Thanksgiving dinner table
and tastes like a sweet gumball from the big gum machine.
Yellow sounds like buzzing bees in the summer breeze
and feels like the hot sun on my forehead.
Green sounds like crickets chirping in the grass
and looks like scary green creepers in Minecraft.
Blue feels like sticky fluffy cotton candy in my mouth
and looks like blue sky in spring.
Indigo tastes like sweet blueberries fresh from a farm
and sounds like swooshing cold ocean on my hands.
Violet smells like cold grapes in the bowl
and tastes like fresh orchard plums in our basket.



Floods

Annie Q.

Fifth Grade
Ms. Kayashima



A flood is a dangerous disaster that is able to cause great devastation. Floods can kill people and animals. Floods can happen in mere minutes, or in days, so it is important to be ready for the many different kinds of floods.

A flood is an overflowing of a large amount of water beyond its normal confines, especially on normally dry land. Floods can be caused by many different reasons. Snow melt from mountaintops can flow into a river, overflowing the river and causing a flood. A flood can also be caused by heavy rains occurring in just a short period of time, or constant, light rains over days can cause floods. If the tides are high, and winds are fast, water from the ocean can blow over to the land, and flood the coast.

A flash flood can happen very quickly, and it is generally caused by heavy rain. This kind of flood is especially dangerous because it happens so quickly; it can be hard to prepare fast enough. A storm surge is normally associated with storms, especially tropical cyclones that throw water from the ocean onto the land. These can flood huge areas of coastal land. A coastal flood is caused by high tides and wind that blows from the ocean to the land. The ocean water gets blown from the ocean to land with heavy winds. The coast floods faster if it is raining. Floods can occur anywhere it rains, especially in low places or in places near the coast.

The effects of a flood can be devastating. Homes, buildings, roads, and crops can be destroyed. Many people become homeless when their homes are destroyed. When things are rebuilt, it costs money, and spending such a large amount of money affects the economy. It takes years to get the economy back to normal. New insects and diseases are introduced to the flooded area, which affects animals and plants. Though floods are destructive and powerful, farmers know that while their barn and crops are harmed, there are nutrients being deposited in the soil that are perfect for growing some types of crops.

A flood can be detected by WSR-88D radar. This can show where there is heavy rainfall. Floods can also be detected by satellites, which are less accurate and direct, but they have high resolution. They can detect areas without many instruments. A rain gauge is one of the most accurate ways of measuring rainfall, though the information is only useful if it is present and live.

There are no current instruments to forecast a flood like someone would forecast a storm or volcanic eruption, though it is possible to forecast heavy rain, which often produces floods.

The Hurricane Katrina Flood happened in New Orleans in 2005. It killed over 1,800 people and impacted 15 million. It caused about \$81 billion worth of damage, while eighty percent of New Orleans was underwater.

You can stay safe from a flood by following simple directions. In a flood, you should always get as high as possible. Stay away from the water, as it can be toxic, and it is fast moving. Never drive or ride in the water. Be ready to evacuate if you need to, and turn on a portable radio that has the local news channels to see when it is safe. Floods are very dangerous, but if you know how, you can stay safe from them.

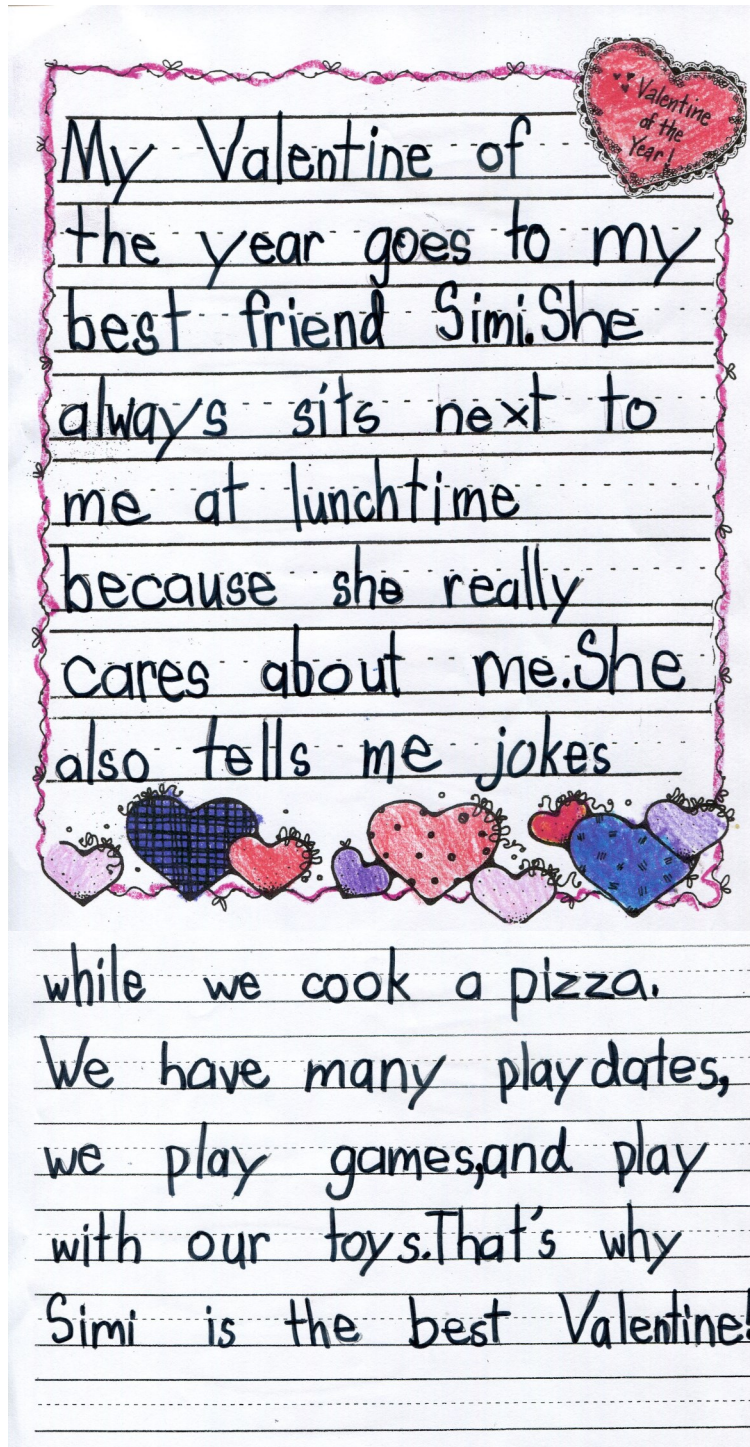


Valentine of the Year

Sanam S.

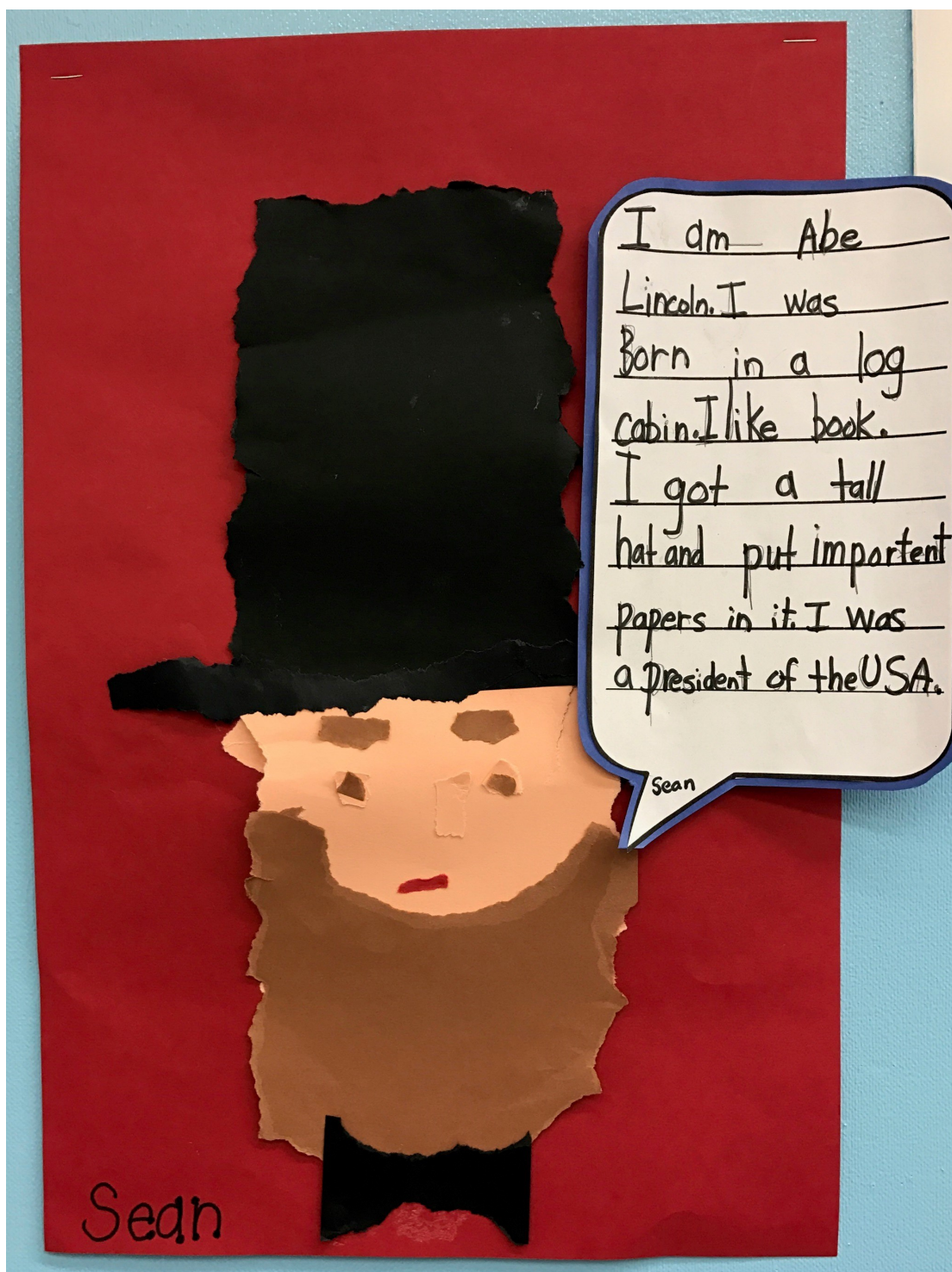
First Grade

Mrs. Cheng



I Am Abraham Lincoln!

Sean K.
Kindergarten
Mrs. Piesik



Super Mama!

Riley P.

Third Grade

Ms. Dent

Have you ever gone to the beach on a blackball day? On a sunny day in the summer, my mom and I went to the beach to have some mommy and me time. In the car I was as excited as a baby eating jello. Finally, we arrived. I jumped out of the car while my mom was getting the picnic blanket. I got my blue boogie board and big bucket. I whipped off my flip flops and sank my feet into the soft, warm sand. "Aaahhh," I said. I was finally here!

First, I ran around the beach to find the perfect spot. Then we swiftly set up our stuff. My first activity was going to be collecting seashells. Yeah! I grabbed my bucket and shovel. "Look, Mama!" I yelled. I had found a beautiful, curvy, dotted and striped seashell.

"Look, Riley!" said Mama. She had found a shell, too! We found more, and more, and more shells! Our buckets were almost full!

Then we walked back and started building sand castles. My sand castle had a huge moat. And around the moat were tiny sand castles. It was a great accomplishment...although some kids destroyed it afterwards.

The next activity was catching sand crabs! I caught a bunch of them. Big and small, I loved them all! I even got to see their eggs!



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Should Animals Be Kept in Zoos?

Anique D.

Fourth Grade

Miss Porter

Are zoos good for animals? In this paragraph I will tell you my opinion about that topic. I think that zoos are really nice for people, but not as nice for animals. I think that, because animals are sometimes forced to do shows or to eat when they are not hungry, because they have certain times they are supposed to eat. In the wild, none of that happens. None of the animals like it, and if they don't like it, it shouldn't be happening.

I think that only animals that have problems living in the wild and animals that are hurt, should stay at zoos to be taken care of. Then people can come visit the zoo and see how they get taken care of. That way animals will like staying at the zoo and people will like visiting the zoo. Animals wouldn't have to be forced to do things, and instead would live life like they would have if they were not at the zoo. People could also have more things to do when they are at the zoo.

The only thing I care about is if the animals are in pain, or if they are irritated.

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Tsunamis—What About the Wildlife?

Rowan O.

Fifth Grade
Miss Walsh

Tsunamis are an unpredictable horror that terrorize, destroy, and kill each time they hit! A tsunami is a HUGE wave that causes mass destruction. Tsunamis form either by an underwater earthquake, or an underwater volcanic eruption. They can travel up to 500 miles per hour! Humans cannot sense when a tsunami will hit, but it is possible that animals are able to and prepare by hiding or running away.

There is a theory that animals may be able to sense when a tsunami is arriving. Using their incredible sense of hearing and smell, it is easier for animals to feel or hear an earthquake that could mean a tsunami. Sometimes, humans can feel an earthquake that could mean a tsunami might be approaching. However, animals are much more adept at it.

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Super Mama!

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“Grumble! Grumble!” my mom’s and my tummy went! It was time for a snack. We walked over to the Snack Shack. I got a fruit flavored popsicle and my mom got a sandwich.

When we were done, I was ready to go boogie boarding, even though it was black ball. The first two waves were pretty good. But then there was a humongous wave, almost as tall as GODZILLA!!! I just had to try it! I got my boogie board ready... and up I went! It was like riding a swift Pegasus until...CRASH! BOOM!! BANG!!! I was drowning! No oxygen at ALL! Then, my mom saved me, just in TIME! She was so worried. And so was I! But, we were so glad we didn’t lose each other!!!

After that adventure, I noticed my mom wasn’t just any mom... she was my SUPER MAMA!



Should Animals Be Kept in Zoos

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Sometimes they have problems, and they can die from those things. If zoos are made for animals, zoos should be made for animals that are in danger. I think that animals that are not in danger deserve to live in the wild, and stay in the wild. I am already doing a project on animals that are in danger, so I think that this idea would really help the animals.

So pretty much, all I am trying to say is that zoos are good for animals, but are mostly good for animals that are maybe sick, are hurt, or maybe are having trouble living in the wild. And that animals that are totally fine, are not hurt, and having an easy time surviving in the wild should not be in zoos, because they deserve to live in the wild. Anyway, a lot of animals don’t like being in cages, so they shouldn’t be in zoos. So that was my paragraph about if zoos are good for animals, and I hope you liked it!



A “Cool Story” from *My Culture Day* Escape from the Orphanage

Aaron S.

Sixth Grade

Mr. Dodge



When World War II started, my grandfather, Josif, was just a kid. He was 11 years old. Unfortunately, during an air raid, my grandpa got separated from his parents. When the police saw Josif by himself, they asked him where his parents were. When my grandpa explained what happened and that he got separated from his parents, the authorities wanted to put him in an orphanage. My grandpa was so scared of the idea of going to an orphanage that he ran away. My grandfather thought that he succeeded getting away from the police. To get around and to hide from the Russian police, Josif hitchhiked on the roof of a train. Unfortunately, eventually, the police caught my grandpa again. This time, Josif was sent to an orphanage.

My grandfather spent about two weeks at the orphanage. The orphanage was very dark and dirty and smelly. My grandpa really wanted to get out of there but he couldn't. Finally, one day an older boy escaped from the orphanage. In order to get out, that older boy broke a window and climbed out. My grandpa sensed that this was his chance to escape as well. Josif climbed out of the same window, while carefully avoiding the shards of broken glass. He was finally free! Once he got out of the orphanage, my grandfather kept running and trying to get as far away as possible from the orphanage. He was praying that he would never have to see that orphanage again, because all he wanted was to reunite with his parents. My grandfather ran for miles until his feet became too tired to run. He finally stopped to rest near a building. When Josif slowly looked up at the sign, he was horrified. It was the same orphanage that he had just escaped from!

Josif ran the other way, never to see the orphanage again. In order to survive, my grandpa had to find something to eat. He was able to find a bottle of sunflower oil, which he later traded for a loaf of bread. He survived for a week on this single loaf of bread. Many people that were also hungry tried to steal the bread from him. On numerous occasions, Josif was chased for many miles by other people who wanted to take the bread away from my grandpa, but nobody caught him. He was tough and was able to run away or to fight off other people who wanted to steal the bread from him. That loaf of bread ended up lasting my grandfather for weeks. Josif cherished every single bite he took of that old loaf of bread.

My grandfather had an idea that his parents might be at the train station trying to go to the more Eastern parts of Russia to escape the horrors of the war. That is why Josif went through many train stations looking for his parents and asking others if they had seen his parents, but sadly not finding his parents. Josif was not sure if his parents had already left to other (Eastern) parts of Russia... Finally, he went to look for his parents at the last train station. He looked around and just as he was about to give up - Josif saw his parents buying food. They ran to each other, so

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Tsunamis—What About the Wildlife?

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Animals prepare for tsunami in many ways. A tsunami hit Sumatra Island on December 26, 2004. The tsunami killed about 150,000 people in more than 12 countries. However, relatively few animals were reported dead. Some strange animal behavior was recorded before the tsunami hit where dogs refused to go on walks or go outside, flamingos abandoned low breeding grounds, elephants screamed and ran to higher ground, and zoo animals hid in their shelters, unable to get enticed back out.

There have been quotes from wildlife experts like Joyce Poole, who is the director of the Savanna Elephant Vocalization Project. She has worked with elephants in Kenya for 25 years. She says that the reports of Sri Lanka's elephants fleeing to higher ground did not surprise her. She also said, "I have been with elephants during two small tremors, and on both occasions the elephants ran in alarm several seconds before I felt the tremor," Joyce explained.

This just goes to show that animals could really have this ability, and save many lives!

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Escape from the Orphanage

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happy to be reunited at last! There were so many hugs and kisses!

Josif and his parents told each other about all the hardships and the hunger that they went through during the war. My grandpa was so excited to finally be with parents again. Unlike many other kids that suffered the horrors of the war, my grandfather was lucky because he actually survived the entire war. His parents did not die and were finally reunited with my 11 year old grandpa.

Josif's parents decided not to leave Russia because the war was coming to the end. After the war was over, Russia (former Soviet Union) began the long process of restoring and rebuilding the country. Life would never be the same as it was before the war, but everyone tried to get back to the way things used to be. My grandpa was a child of the war. That is why my grandfather was a very tough person who could survive almost anything.

