

ARBOR DAY

READING COMPREHENSION!

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☐ build snowmen	☐ plant trees
☐ fly kites	☐ go swimming

3) Why are trees important?

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1) Who started Arbor Day?

- ☐ J. Sterling Morton ☐ George Washington
☐ Abraham Lincoln ☐ Benjamin Franklin

2) In what state did Arbor Day begin?

- ☐ California ☐ Texas
☐ Nebraska ☐ Florida

3) How many trees were planted on the first Arbor Day?

- ☐ 100 trees ☐ 10 trees
☐ 50 trees ☐ over 1 million

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Why Trees Are Important?

Trees are very important for our planet. They give us oxygen to breathe. Trees also give animals places to live. Their roots help hold the soil in place. Trees make our world cooler and cleaner.

1) What do trees give us to breathe?

- ☐ oxygen ☐ smoke
☐ dust ☐ stream

2) Who lives in trees?

- ☐ cars ☐ airplanes
☐ robots ☐ animals

3) How do tree roots help the soil?

- ☐ they turn the soil blue ☐ they hold soil in place
☐ they freeze the soil ☐ they burn the soil

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Different Types of Trees

There are many kinds of trees. Oak trees grow strong and tall. Maple trees have colorful leaves in the fall. Pine trees stay green all year long. Some trees grow fruit that people can eat. Each type of tree is special in its own way.

1) Which tree has colorful leaves in fall?

- ☐ palm tree ☐ pine tree
☐ cactus ☐ maple tree

2) Which tree stays green all year?

- ☐ pine tree ☐ maple tree
☐ oak tree ☐ apple tree

3) Are all trees the same?

- ☐ yes, they are all exactly the same ☐ no, each type is special
☐ yes, they are all blue ☐ yes, they are all tiny

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How Trees Help Animals

Many animals live in trees. Birds build nests in the branches. Squirrels hide food in tree holes. Insects crawl on the bark. Trees keep animals safe from danger.

1) Where do birds build nests?

- ☐ in the branches ☐ under the ocean
☐ inside cars ☐ on sidewalks

2) What do squirrels hide in trees?

- ☐ shoes ☐ books
☐ pillows ☐ food

3) How do trees help keep animals safe?

- ☐ they make them smaller ☐ they protect them from danger
☐ they teach them ☐ they sing to them

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1) Name one fruit that comes from trees.

- ☐ carrots ☐ lettuce
☐ corn ☐ apples

2) What can we build with wood from trees?

- ☐ rainbows and clouds ☐ houses and furniture
☐ ocean waves ☐ computers and TVs

3) How do trees help us on hot days?

- ☐ they make snow fall ☐ they blow cold wind
☐ they give us shade ☐ they turn off the sun

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How to Plant a Tree

Planting a tree is fun and helpful. First, dig a hole in the ground. Make sure the hole is wide enough for the roots to fit. Next, place the tree inside the hole. Cover the roots with soil. Then, water the tree so it can grow strong.

1) What do you dig first?

2) What should you cover with soil?

3) Why do you water the tree?

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Caring for Trees

Trees need care to grow big and strong. They need sunlight and water. Some trees need space to grow tall. People can protect trees from harm. We should not break branches or carve on the bark. We can also clean up trash around trees to keep them healthy.

1) What do trees need to grow?

2) Why do trees need space?

3) What should we not do to tree branches?

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How Kids Can Celebrate Arbor Day

Kids can help celebrate Arbor Day too. They can plant a tree with their family. They can water trees in their yard. Students can learn about trees at school. Even picking up trash near trees helps! They can also draw pictures or write stories about trees.

1) Name one way kids can celebrate Arbor Day.

2) Where can students learn about trees?

3) What can kids create about trees?

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Arbor Day Around the Country

Arbor Day is celebrated in all 50 states. Some states celebrate in April. Others celebrate on different days, depending on their weather. Schools often plant trees together. Communities may hold special events to honor trees.

1) How many states celebrate Arbor Day?

2) Why do some states celebrate on different days?

3) Where might people plant trees together?

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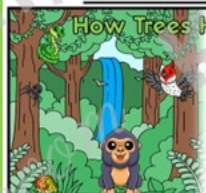
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1) Name one way kids can celebrate Arbor Day.

- ☐ cut down trees ☐ plant a tree
☐ ignore nature ☐ break branches

2) Where can students learn about trees?

- ☐ under the ocean ☐ on the moon
☐ at school ☐ inside a pyramid

3) What can kids create about trees?

- ☐ pictures or stories ☐ snowmen or igloos
☐ kites or airplanes ☐ robots or rockets

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1) How many states celebrate Arbor Day?

- ☐ 5 ☐ 10
☐ 25 ☒ 50

2) Why do some states celebrate on different days?

- ☐ because of the moon ☐ because of allergies
☒ because of the weather ☐ because of the time of day

3) Where might people plant trees together?

- ☐ in a swimming pool ☐ at the zoo at night
☐ on an airplane ☒ at school

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Name: Tyrene **Native American Heritage LI**

Sioux

The Sioux lived in the northern Great Plains. They moved around from place to place following the buffalo. They lived in teepees that could be taken down and set up quickly. They got most of their food from hunting bison, deer, and elk.

1) Where did the Sioux live?

☐ Southeast America ☒ Northern Great Plains
☐ Mexico ☐ Southwest America

2) Which animal did they follow?

☐ giraffe ☐ bird
☐ rat ☒ buffalo

3) Which animals did they hunt?

☐ bison ☐ deer
☐ elk ☒ all of these

Name: Samira **Women's History LS**

Maya Lin

Maya won a design contest of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Her design was a black granite wall with the names of fallen soldiers. She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2016 by President Barack Obama.

1) What contest did Maya win?

She won a design contest of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

2) Who gave her an award?

President Barack Obama gave her an award

3) What was her design?

Her design was

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