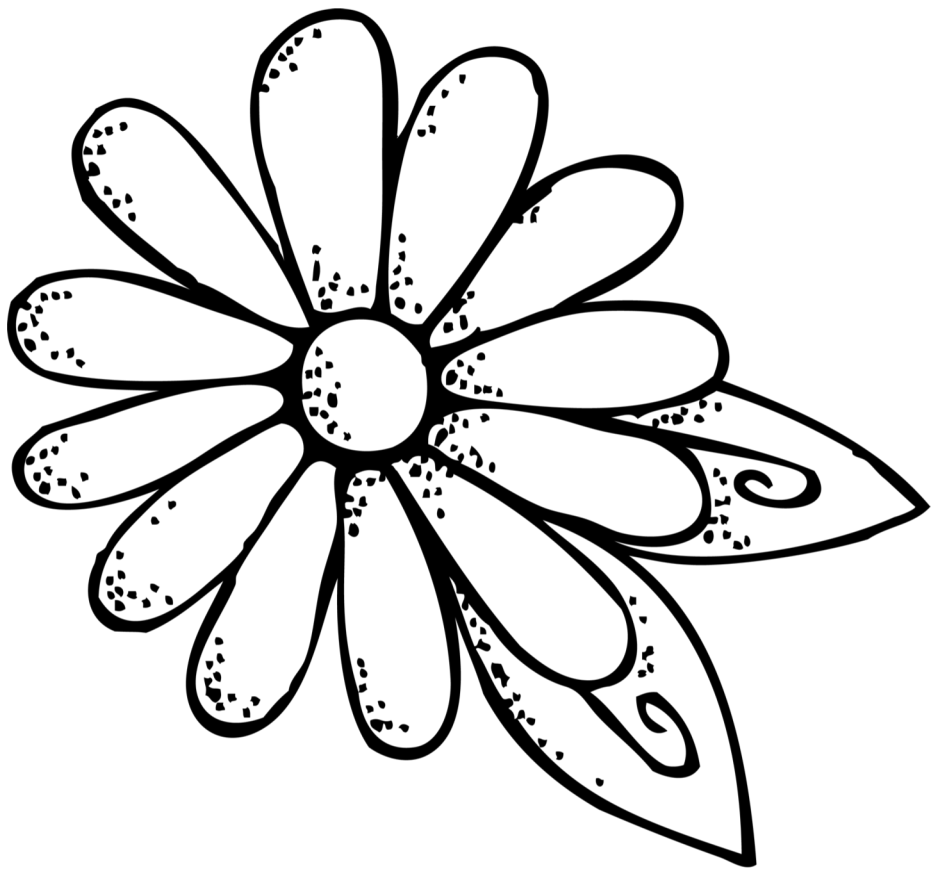


MY MAY

Paragraph
of the Day



Name: _____

JAMIE AND HER CHILDREN

Jamie was a 47 year old mom from a small town in Ohio. She was living during the time when John F. Kennedy was their president. She had voted for him and loved everything that he stood for. She also loved the way that he talked when he delivered his speeches. On November 22, 1963, Jamie was sitting in her living room with her three children. They were all watching their favorite cartoon, which they watched every night. While watching their favorite cartoon show, the show was taken over by the news. The news had announced that JFK had died that day. Jamie and her children were upset by the news. They held each other extra tight that night as they laid down for bed.

THE SECRET SERVICE

Ken was a secret service agent for John F. Kennedy. It had always been his dream to work in the White House as a secret service agent. When he was little, he loved watching the TV shows that had cops and secret services. He always thought it would be so cool to be one of them. When John F. Kennedy became president, he knew he had a chance. JFK hired him and he was so excited. He had a day off on November 22, 1963. When he heard the news that JFK had passed away, he was so upset. He did not know what to do without his favorite president.

JAMIE AND HER CHILDREN & THE SECRET SERVICE

NAME: _____

Directions: Read the passages two times and use the text to answer the questions.

1. What are the similarities in Jamie and Ken's life stories? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

2. What are some differences between Jamie and Ken? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

3. What do you think the theme of these two paragraphs would be? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

4. How did John F. Kennedy affect Ken and Jamie? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

NAME: _____

Directions: Read the passage two times and use the text to answer the questions.

John F. Kennedy grew up in a wealthy family in Massachusetts. He graduated from Harvard in 1940 with honors. He was a smart cookie! After college, he joined the Navy just around the time of World War II. John's brother died in the war, so his dad turned to John to become president. John spent time in congress for six years and then became Senator. In 1960, he won the presidential election. His presidency was full of major events like The Bay of Pigs and the Cuban Missile Crisis. On November 22, 1963 John F. Kennedy was assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald while riding in a convertible car. His legend lives on forever.

1. Make a timeline of JFK's life with pictures and words.

CINDERELLA

NAME: _____

Directions: Read the passage two times and use the text to answer the questions.

Cinderella was one of a kind. Instead of your typical pets, like dogs and cats, Cinderella had mice as pets that she would talk to. These mice were more than pets to her though, they were her friends. Whenever Cinderella went through some hard time she would first turn to her mice for advice. One day, Cinderella was out for a stroll in the woods when she came across a big cave. The cave looked so interesting that she had to go in. When she got in, she realized that the hole for the cave was too small to come back out. Cinderella was STUCK! She didn't know what to do and she knew that her pet mice would be the only ones to miss her. After two days, her mice came to her rescue. They had searched all over the city looking for her and heard her cries from miles away. This just goes to show, your pets can be more helpful than you think.

1. Where is personification used in the text?
 - a. when they have Cinderella go in a cave
 - b. when Cinderella doesn't like dogs
 - c. having the mice talk
 - d. having the mice walk

2. What is a lesson that you can learn from this story? How does the author teach you this lesson?

3. How is this passage alike or different from the original Cinderella story?

CATS ARE BETTER!

Cats are one of the most popular pets in the world. There are over 500 different kinds of cats. Cats save their energy by sleeping 13 to 14 hours a day, which means that their owners don't have to worry about them when they leave them at home in order to go to work. Cats have great night vision, great hearing, and a powerful sense of smell. Cats love to play and chase toys, this makes them fun companions for their owners! Cats spend a lot of the time licking themselves clean, which means that the owners have to clean them less! There are many reasons to get a cat as a pet!

DOGS ARE THE BEST!

The house dog has been one of the most popular companion animals in history. There are over 400 million dogs in the world. There are hundreds of different types of dogs, which gives owners lots of choices! Dogs have greater hearing than humans; they can hear at four times the distance. They also have the ability to smell odors much better than humans. Dogs love to play with their human friends and they make a great companion. They form strong bonds with humans and tend to become a "man's best friend"! There are so many great reasons to get a dog as a pet.

CATS ARE BETTER & DOGS ARE THE BEST!

NAME: _____

Directions: Read the passages two times and use the text to answer the questions.

1. What are some of the similarities between dogs and cats? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

2. What are some differences between dogs and cats? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

3. Which point of view do you agree with more? Why?

4. What text-to-self connections can you make with these two texts?

MONTHLY MOVIES

NAME: _____

Directions: Read the passage two times and use the text to answer the questions.

Sam loved to go to the movies. His whole family would go see a movie once a month. It was something that he looked forward to doing. But this month was different. This month was the releasing of *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*. He was obsessed with the *Star Wars* series. His room was filled with posters and he had many action figures of the characters. He had Yoda everywhere you looked. His mom had told him that they would have to wait for two weeks after it opened to go see it. He just couldn't take it, he couldn't wait for two weeks!! He begged his best friend, Adam, to take him to the movies. When he went with Adam, he loved the movie so much. But he had an ache in his heart because he knew that this would hurt his families' feelings. Sam knew that his family loved going with him and he felt bad for going behind their back. When he got home and told his mom, she said she understood but was sad that he went without them. When it was time for their monthly family movie outing, the family went without Sam. All day he was very sad. He knew he would never go behind their backs again.

1. What character trait do you see in Sam?

a. thoughtful	b. adventurous
c. dishonest	d. hateful

2. How does Sam show the character trait that was chosen from question 1? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

3. From the story, what motivated Sam to go to the movies without his parents? Use evidence from the text to support your answer

STAR WARS

NAME: _____

Directions: Read the passage two times and use the text to answer the questions.

Star Wars is a series of science fiction movies by George Lucas. First, there is a character called Anakin Skywalker. He is a young boy who then meets Obi-Wan Kenobi. Then, Skywalker learns the ways of the Jedi. Later, Anakin goes against Obi-Wan Kenobi and the rest of the Jedi crew. After the first airing of this movie, it reached millions of people. There are now 9 Star Wars movies and they have all been very successful. After showing all of these movies the series has made well over \$10 billion dollars.

1. What is the text structure of this paragraph?

a. Sequence of Events	b. Compare and Contrast
c. Problem and Solution	d. Cause and Effect
2. What can you infer about what will happen when a 10th movie comes out? Why can you make that inference?

3. Can you make any text-to-self or text-to-world connections with this passage? What would they be?

SWEETER THAN PIE

NAME: _____

Directions: Read the passage two times and use the text to answer the questions.

Teachers are the apple of my eye,
 They are truly sweeter than pie.
 They teach me so many incredible things,
 They help me so I can grow my own wings.

Teachers work so hard day in and day out,
 Loving their children is what it is all about.
 They never stop working to make us our best,
 They always make sure that we pass that test.

I love my teacher, I truly do,
 I loved her when she was old and when she was new.
 I will cherish her in my heart forever and more,
 I know that she is made of gold straight down to her core.

1. Which stanza reveals how the narrator feels about her teacher now?
 - a. stanza 1
 - b. stanza 2
 - c. stanza 3
 - d. all stanzas

2. What is the point of view of the narrator of this story? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

3. What are some reasons that the narrator uses to support her point of view? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

TEACHER APPRECIATION

NAME: _____

Directions: Read the passage two times and use the text to answer the questions.

Around 1944, a teacher and people in politics began discussing the idea of having a day to celebrate teachers. Teachers are amazing so why wouldn't we want to celebrate them? The first full week of May is known as National Teacher Appreciation Week in the USA. Teachers are true heroes for their communities and are dedicated to their children. Teacher Appreciation Week is meant to celebrate those kind individuals who spend their days helping the children of the future. There are many activities that happen on Teacher Appreciation Week. Parent's Clubs around the country find new ways to appreciate their teachers. Typically, students let their teachers know and their former teachers know how they appreciate them. Teacher Appreciation Week is a week set aside to be thankful for the wonderful individuals that educate our students.

1. Which statement best shows how the narrator feels about teachers?
 - a. "...began discussing the idea of having a day to celebrate teachers."
 - b. "There are many activities that happen on Teacher Appreciation Week."
 - c. "Parent's Clubs around the country find new ways to appreciate their teachers."
 - d. "Teachers are true heroes for their communities and are dedicated to their children."

2. What is the point of view of the narrator on teachers? What clues led you to know their point of view?

3. How do you feel about teachers? Is your point of view the same or different from the narrators'?
