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Pelé the Great

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Determining Importance

Pelé the Great

Pelé is a soccer legend. Pelé was born Edson Arantes do Nascimento on October 23, 1940. He was named after Thomas Edison. Pelé is his nickname. His other nickname was Dico. He was born in Brazil. Brazil is in South America. Brazil is known for soccer, or futebol. Pelé's father was a soccer player. His family was poor. Pelé showed promise in soccer from a young age. As a boy, he would kick a rolled-up stocking filled with newspaper or a grapefruit in place of a soccer ball.

Pelé showed talent. He tried out and earned a spot as a forward on the Santos professional soccer club in 1958. He was only 15 years old. He scored his first professional goal before he turned 16. He was asked to play on Brazil's national team.



Pelé in 1962.

At 17 years old, Pelé led his team to victory in the 1958 World Cup. The World Cup is the international soccer championship that happens every four years.

Pelé continued to win. He played for two more winning World Cup teams in 1962 and 1970. In 1970, he scored the 100th goal of his career. He was the biggest goal-scorer in the history of soccer. Pelé retired in 1974. In 1975, he came out of retirement to join the New York Cosmos. The Cosmos are a U.S. soccer team. He led them to a championship in 1977 and retired again.



Pelé playing for Brazil, May 1960.

Pelé stopped playing soccer, but he is a legend. He became an ambassador for soccer. He worked to promote peace through sports. Pelé was named FIFA's "Co-Player of the Century." In all, he scored 1,281 goals in 1,363 games of his career. All soccer players admire Pelé's legacy.

Determining Importance Name: _____

Answer the following questions. Underline the text evide

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
   a. Pelé grew up poor.
   (b.) Pelé is the best soccer player of all time.
   c. Soccer is the national sport of Brazil.
   d. Pelé won the World Cup three times.

2. Reread the first paragraph to fill out the following chart place important details. In the column "Extra information..."

What I need to know...	Extra
Pelé is a soccer legend	
He was born on October 23, 1940	

3. Which of the following details from paragraph 3 is the m of the article?
   a. Pelé retired in 1974.
   (b.) He was officially the biggest goal-scorer in the
   c. In 1975, he came out of retirement to join the
   d. He led them to a championship in 1977 and ret

4. Why would someone want to read "Pelé the Great"?
   a. to learn how to play soccer
   b. to prove that soccer is the hardest sport
   c. to understand how the sport of soccer has c
   (d.) to learn about Pelé's legacy in the history of s

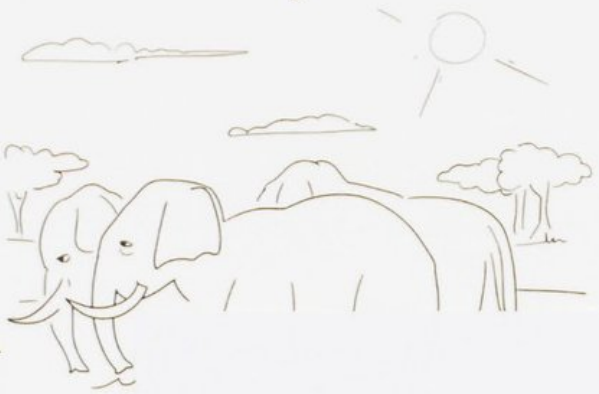
5. Which detail is most important in proving that Pelé is an i present?
   (a.) Nearly all soccer players are measured against
   b. He played for two more winning World Cup te
   c. As a boy, he would kick a rolled-up stocking fil place of a soccer ball.
   d. He became an ambassador for soccer



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Cairo Grows Up



Cairo lived happily with his family on the savanna in Botswana. He spent most of his day roaming around. He walked across large distances to forage for grasses, fruits, roots, and bark. Many days he would walk with his herd as far as 50 miles. They would spend 12-18 hours feeding. He wasn't the largest member of the herd, but at twelve years old, he was one of the older male elephants in the group. He was not full grown, but he was tall enough to reach the tender leaves in the two-ball nitta trees.

Cairo loved to play games with the other ca would walk to the delta and splash in the water. C water. The elephants took water in their trunks ar Then, they used their trunks to cover themselves insects and worked as a sunscreen. Cairo couldn't was with his herd.

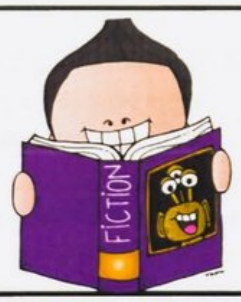
One day, as Cairo relaxed under the sun, his "the time has come for you to blossom and emerg

"A bull?" Cairo asked.

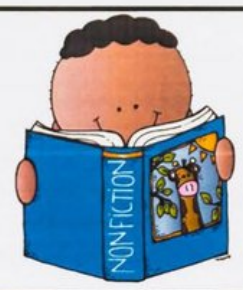
"Yes, a bull. A bull is a full-grown male elepha your own to discover who you are. The rest of th cannot come with us. It's just the way it has alwa

"But why, Mama?" cried Cairo. Big tears car large ears thrashed back and forth. His wrinkled, usual. "I want to stay here with you. I love you, M

Fiction vs. Nonfiction



- Not real
- Read for entertainment
- Illustrations
- Dialogue
- Characters, setting, problem, solution
- Beginning, middle, end
- Read in sequential order
- Includes fantasy, realistic, and other types of fiction



- Real and factual
- Read to learn
- Photos, charts, diagrams, and other text features
- Table of contents, index, glossary
- Bold print, italics
- Different text structures including sequential, cause and effect, compare and contrast, problem and solution, and descriptive

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From Calf to Bull



Female elephant and calf

What animal weighs about 12000 pounds and measures up to 10 feet tall at its shoulder? The male African elephant! The male African elephant is the largest land mammal in the world. The male elephants are also known as bulls. The bulls take a long time to become full grown. Baby elephants are also known as calves. They usually weigh between 200-250 pounds. They reach close to their full-grown size between ages 12-15 years old. But most continue to grow until they are about 25 years old.

During this time of growth, the young male elephants travel together in a group called a herd. The herd also includes female elephants, or cows, and other young calves. They work together to find food. They protect each other from dangers in the savannah.

Having a herd is great, especially for female elephants. Female elephants remain in a herd for their whole 70 years of life. Life is very different for male elephants. They must journey out on their own around the age of 12. This makes it very important for them to learn, grow, and develop their most recognizable features while in the herd.

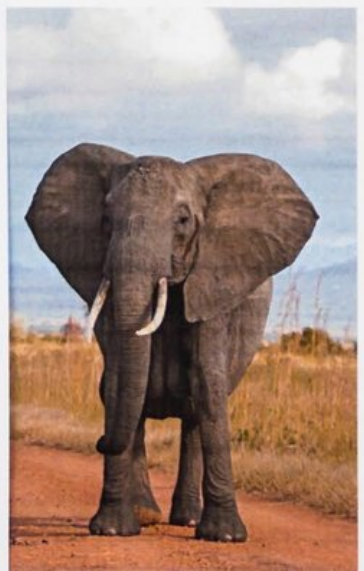
Elephant Trunks

At birth, a male calf's trunk is not fully developed. It is usually very weak and has little coordination. It takes months of practice for a calf to gain full control of its trunk. A trunk is a

importance increases as the male grows. The tip
ke fingers. This allows the elephant to use it with
ıd suckle water. It's also used to clean themselves,
sp food.



Elephants use their trunks to forage for food.



Elephant Ears

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also used to comm
show anger or joy
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away. This helps
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Stella's Flower



Art class was Stella's favorite par
had taught the class all about different
to enter into a local art contest. The cla
observing as they painted. She paused ar
about each one.

"Stella, your painting has a great r
the next."

Stella beamed an sponded, "Th

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Leroy's Lesson



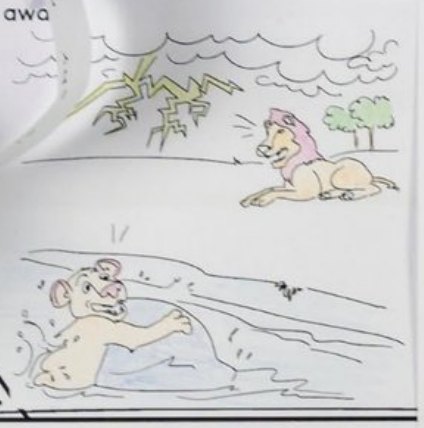
Leroy lay in the warm sun. He watched the older lions play. They chased one another. Leroy was one of the youngest of the pack. He did not play with the other lions very much. He liked to stay next to his mother. His siblings tried to get him to play. Leroy was happy to sit and watch. He was very quiet and didn't like to use his voice. None of the others had ever heard him roar. He tried to the adult lions. He liked to talk.

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Stella's Favorite

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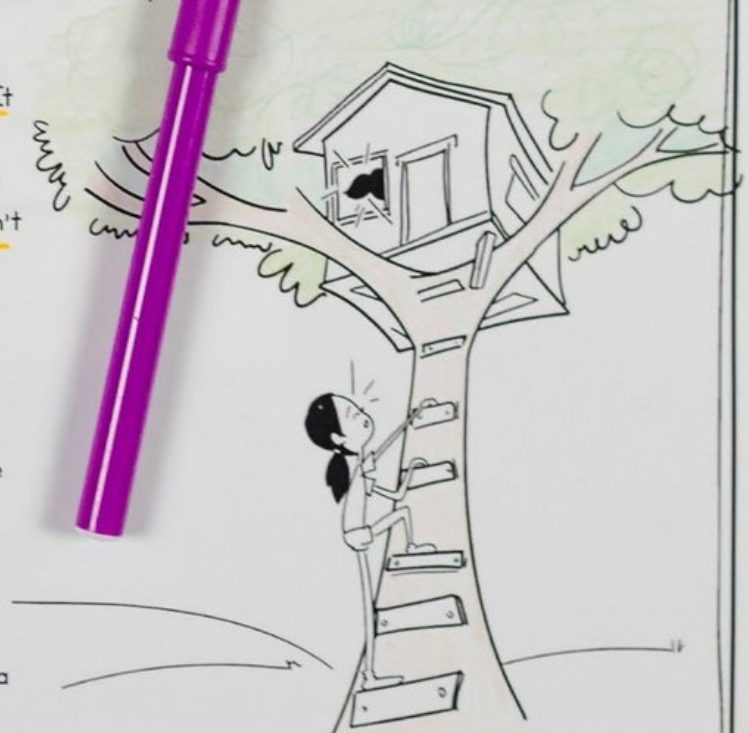
Tree House Treasures

and Olivia raced toward their houses as the bus pulled away after a long day
irls happily ran down the sidewalk, excited for the beautiful weather and the
d.

meet you in the tree house at four o'clock!" Annabelle yelled to Olivia as she hurried
front door and went inside.

Annabelle greeted her mom and little brother, an, as she placed her backpack on its hook and her shoes onto their shelf. While washing ands, she told her mom about her busy day at school and her afternoon plans to play side, then rushed to the pantry to find a tasty snack. A few minutes later, she had eaten nged into her play clothes, and was putting her shoes back on to head outside to play.

Her dad had made an incredible tree house to play in. It had taken him several weeks to complete the project because he traveled a lot for work and wasn't home very much. Annabelle loved to spend time in the tree house because it reminded her of her dad and how much he loved her.



Heading outside and up the ladder to the top, she could see Olivia's ponytail sticking up over the side.

"Hi!" she called to her. Olivia grinned. She had a lollipop in her