

Fourth Grade Reading and Spelling Assignments

Ms. Pomet



Spelling-

Worksheet #1- Write each word 3 times each.

Worksheet #2- Pick 10 spelling words and write 10 spelling sentences using 1 spelling word in each sentence.

Worksheet #3- Make a Spelling Word Search using spelling words.


Worksheet #4-ABC Order of spelling words.

Reading-

Continue Nightly Reading Log

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Dictation Sentences: Short *i* and Long *i*

 **Directions to the Teacher:** Read each boldfaced spelling word aloud, followed by the sentence, and then repeat the word. Have students write the spelling word.

BASIC

1. Good handwriting is an important **skill**.
2. The **crime** happened at noon.
3. I love the smell of coffee beans when I **grind** them.
4. Our big soccer game is **tonight**.
5. Our neighbor's home is made of **brick**.
6. The **flight** from New York to California is long.
7. "Where do you **live**?" Sarah asked her friend.
8. After sunset there was a **chill** in the air.
9. Marcello takes **delight** in eating ice cream after dinner.
10. It took more than a year to **build** the new library.
11. The workmen dug a **ditch** in our backyard.
12. I can't **decide** if I should go to the game or not.
13. Marie was a **witness** to the accident.
14. The **wind** was so strong that it was hard to walk.
15. My dad's office is in the business **district**.
16. My dog hasn't moved an **inch** since he ate lunch.
17. I breathed a **sigh** of relief when the game was over.
18. The movie was so scary we thought we'd die of **fright**.
19. Mom does not have to **remind** us to do our homework.
20. The editor was able to **splice** the film together.

REVIEW

21. Sally did not have a good **reason** for missing school.
22. The girls decided to **pretend** they were rock stars.
23. Ming is the newest **member** of the club.
24. The news story on television was hard to **believe**.

CHALLENGE

25. The car wheels were **spinning** in the deep snow.
26. Seiko got the last **ticket** to the play.
27. We had a **surprise** when Grandma came to visit!
28. The new paint will certainly **brighten** the room.

HW



Weekly Reading Log

Name: _____

Monday

Date:	
Title:	
Number of Minutes:	
Number of Pages:	
Parent Signature:	

Tuesday

Date:	
Title:	
Number of Minutes:	
Number of Pages:	
Parent Signature:	

Wednesday

Date:	
Title:	
Number of Minutes:	
Number of Pages:	
Parent Signature:	

Thursday

Date:	
Title:	
Number of Minutes:	
Number of Pages:	
Parent Signature:	

I am ready to take an AR test on my book (check one) Yes _____ No _____

Name _____

Spelling

Write each word 3 x each.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

11. _____

12. _____

13. _____

14. _____

MORE ON BACK>>>>

WRITING SENTENCES

Write a spelling word in each box. Then, use the word in a complete sentence.

Example:

shelf

1 My brother put his new basketball on the shelf.

2

3

4

5

Not So Wimpy Teacher

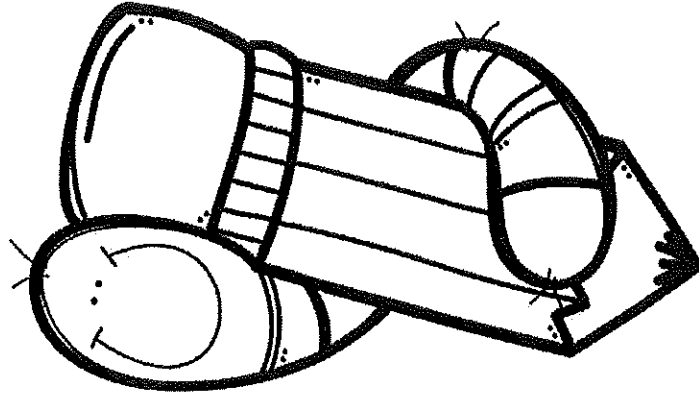
- ① Use the spelling word in a 7 word sentence.
- ② Check capitalization.
- ③ Use punctuation.

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My Spelling Word Search

Name: _____

Write your words on the blank lines at the bottom of this sheet. Next, use your spelling words to create your own word search. When you are done, find a special person to find all the words.

[illegible]

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|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1. | 5. | 9. | 13. | 17. |
| 2. | 6. | 10. | 14. | 18. |
| 3. | 7. | 11. | 15. | 19. |
| 4. | 8. | 12. | 16. | 20. |

Name: _____

ABC Order

Write your spelling words in alphabetical order.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Write your words here first.

Write your words in ABC order.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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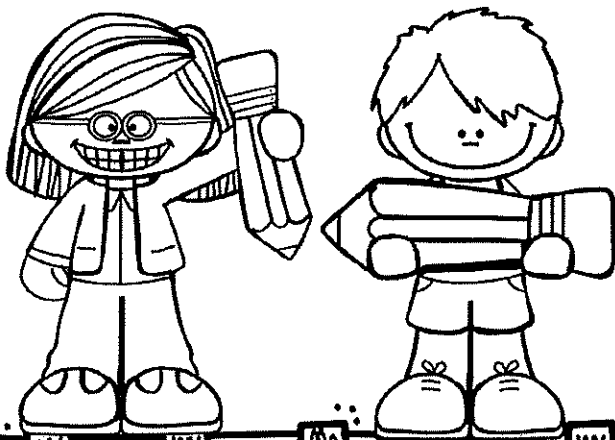
16. _____

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Staying Safe on the Field

The Fight for
Voting Rights

September 30, 2024



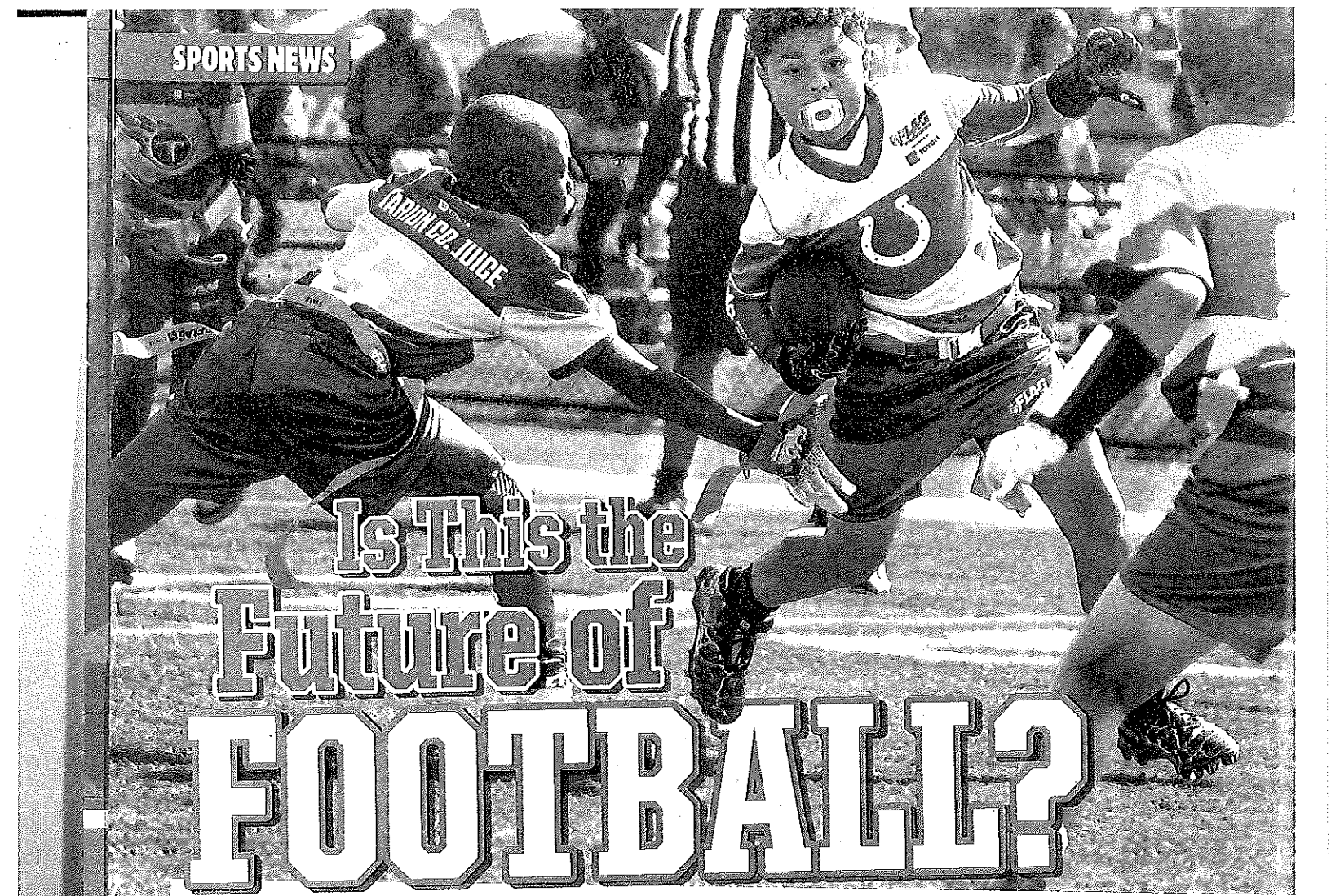
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The Rise of FLAG FOOTBALL

Flag football is more popular than ever.
Will it replace tackle football?



Is This the Future of FOOTBALL?

Flag football is one of the fastest growing sports for kids in America.

AS YOU READ, THINK ABOUT:

Why are parents choosing flag football over tackle for their kids?

It was the final play of the national championship game. All eyes were on 11-year-old quarterback Cora Hernandez. She scanned the field for an open teammate.

"I was really nervous," Cora recalls. "Everybody's depending on you to make the right throw at the right time."

Then Cora fired a pass. The receiver caught it and sprinted

past the defense into the end zone. Touchdown!

No one even tried to tackle the receiver. This is flag football, where tackling isn't allowed. Instead, players pull a flag from opponents' belts to stop a play.

Cora is from Tampa, Florida, and plays for the Pirate Bay Krewe. They won the 11U title at the National Football League (NFL) FLAG Championships in July. They're among the more than 2.4 million boys and girls under 17 who play flag football

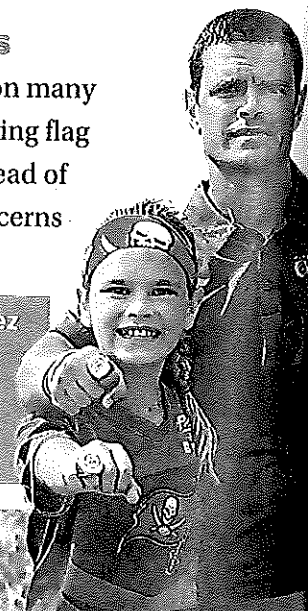
in leagues across the U.S.

As flag football explodes in popularity, far more kids play that version of the sport than tackle football. What does this mean for football in America?

Hard Hits

One reason many kids are playing flag football instead of tackle is concerns about safety.

Cora Hernandez (left) and her sister, Bryn, with their dad—and coach—Matt



More than 250 teams competed in the NFL FLAG Championships in July.

Heads Up!

Concussions don't happen only during sports. You can get one on or off the field. There are often no visible signs, like blood or bruises. Sometimes symptoms don't show up until days after the injury occurs. If you experience any of these symptoms after a blow to the head, tell a coach or parent immediately:

- ☒ Headache
- ☒ Nausea or vomiting
- ☒ Confusion
- ☒ Blurry or double vision
- ☒ Forgetfulness
- ☒ Fogginess
- ☒ Dizziness
- ☒ Sensitivity to light or noise

Watch a VIDEO

Find out how to protect your head.

Youth flag football players average eight hits to the head each season. That's according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In tackle, that number is 378.

Many of those **collisions** lead to concussions. Each year, thousands of kids **sustain** concussions while playing tackle football. Concussions are injuries caused by hits to the head that shake the brain inside the skull.

These injuries can be especially harmful to kids, whose brains are still developing. Many medical experts suggest that kids hold off on playing tackle football until they are 14 or older.

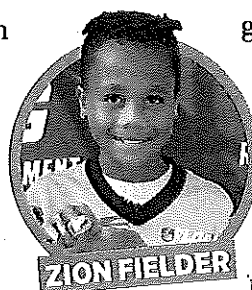
Richie Lenhart coaches both flag and tackle in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He says that when his 5-year-old son was ready to join a team in 2019, his choice was clear. His son would start off in flag.

"I instantly went from coach to overcautious dad

because of his age," Lenhart says. "In tackle, you've got to be ready to get mean and nasty and deliver blows and hits."

Nine-year-old Zion Fielder is the quarterback on Lenhart's Pittsburgh Elite flag team. He plays flag and tackle.

"The injuries in tackle are worse," Zion explains. "You get hit harder."



Raise the Flag

Lenhart says flag football provides the perfect training ground for kids who want to move on to tackle in high school.

"Flag helps develop that tackle player and gets them ready," Lenhart explains. "It's all about learning and becoming better athletes."

He also points out another advantage to flag football. The

sport gets girls on the field. One out of every four flag football players in the U.S. are female.

"It's not a boy sport. It's not a girl sport," Lenhart says.

"It's a kid sport."

Flag will be an event, for men and women, at the 2028 Olympics.

Cora can't wait. In the meantime, she loves watching NFL games. But she wouldn't want to play tackle football. She'll stick to flag—and thinks other kids should too.

"They should start with flag when they're young," Cora says. "It teaches the basics without tackling. Flag football is football."

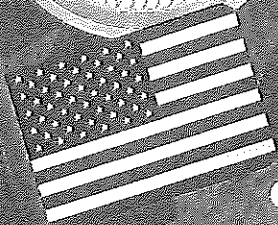
—by Nicole Tocco

WORDS TO KNOW

collisions *noun, plural.* crashes, often at high speed

sustain *verb.* to suffer or experience something unpleasant, such as an injury

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VOTING

On November 5, tens of millions of Americans will cast their votes for president and many other important leaders. Here's what you need to know.

AS YOU READ, THINK ABOUT:

Why is it important for Americans to vote?

1 Who is allowed to vote in the United States?

About 240 million people could be **eligible** to vote in this year's presidential election. People are allowed to vote in the U.S. if they're:

- ☒ U.S. citizens
- ☒ at least 18 years old on Election Day
- ☒ registered, or officially signed up, to vote.* To register to vote in a state, a person must be able to prove that they live there.

*Not required in North Dakota

WORDS TO KNOW

eligible *adjective.* meeting the necessary requirements to be allowed to do something
democracy *noun.* a form of government in which citizens choose their leaders in elections

2 Why is everyone talking about voting?

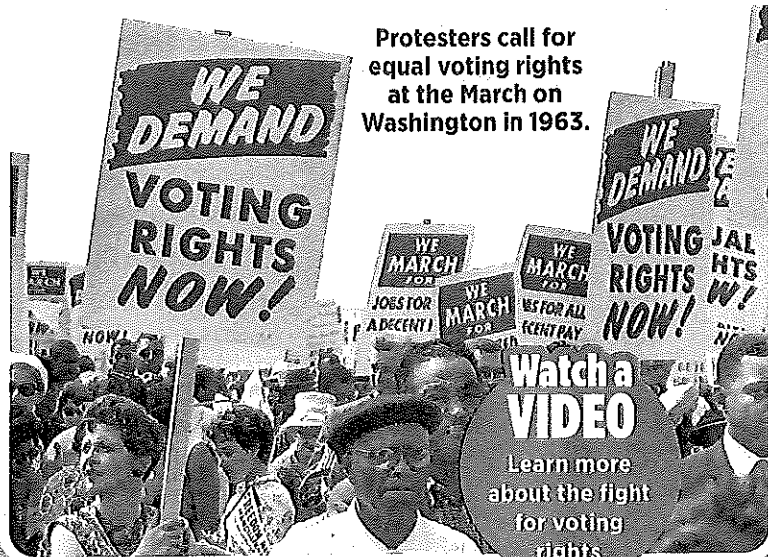
It's a huge deal! Having the right to vote gives Americans a say in how the country, their states, and their towns are governed.

"Voting is at the very heart of American **democracy**," says author and college professor Kim Wehle.

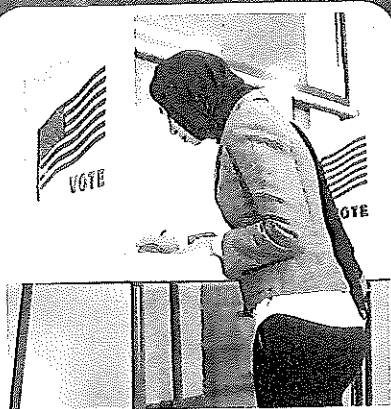
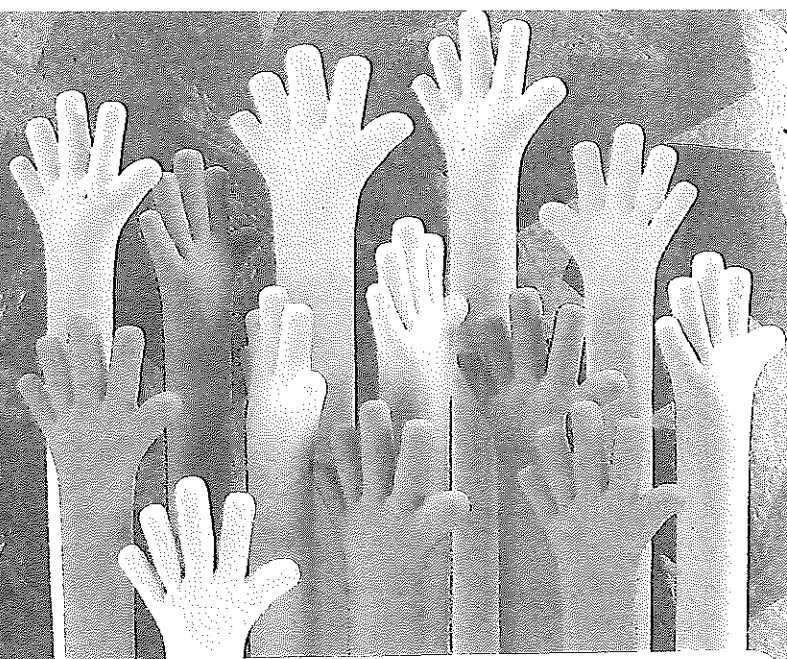
Many Americans faced a long struggle to win that right. When George Washington was elected in 1789, only about 6 percent of the population was allowed to vote. They were mostly White men who owned land.

Over time, Black people, women, and Indigenous groups gained the right to vote. But they were often kept from doing so. For example, racist laws in some states kept many Black people from voting for decades after they legally won the right.

Protesters call for equal voting rights at the March on Washington in 1963.



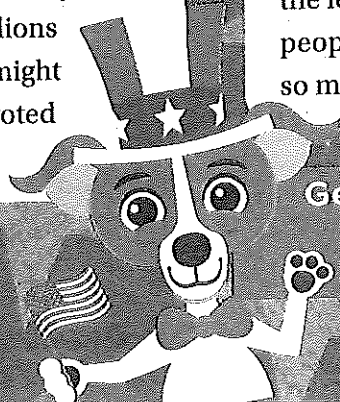
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3 How do voters actually vote?

On November 5, many voters will go to their local polling places, such as schools and firehouses. People will cast votes for president, members of Congress, and state and local leaders. In some places, voters will fill out a paper ballot. In others, they'll use a computer.

Some people may have to wait in long lines for hours for their chance to vote on Election Day. But tens of millions of Americans might have already voted by then.



4 How can people vote before Election Day?

Nearly every state and Washington, D.C., offer early voting. People in those places can cast their votes at polling places before Election Day.

Also, every state allows some form of voting by mail. Eight states hold elections almost entirely by mail. Voters receive ballots a few weeks before Election Day. The ballots must be completed and returned on or before November 5.

People who'll be living far away from home can also vote by mail. Many college students and members of the U.S. military will use what's called an absentee ballot.

IN THE 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, 43% OF VOTERS CAST BALLOTS BY MAIL.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

5 Does everyone who can vote cast a ballot?

No. In the 2020 presidential election, only about 67 percent of Americans who could have voted actually did. And that was the highest percentage to vote in a national election since 1900!

"If we don't vote, we're allowing other people to decide who the leaders are," Wehle says. "By voting, we honor the many people who came before us who fought so hard and sacrificed so much for us to be able to vote."

—by Nicole Tocco

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DINO DISCOVERY

While walking near his home in May 2022, Jason Cooper noticed a large bone sticking out of a rock. He had just discovered the largest, and one of the most complete, stegosaurus skeletons ever.

This July, that skeleton went up for sale at an auction house called Sotheby's in New York City. It sold for \$44.6 million—making it the world's most expensive fossil.

Rebuilding Apex

Cooper makes his living as a fossil hunter. He found the stegosaurus remains on his property in northwestern Colorado. The region is the

richest source of dinosaur fossils in the United States.

After the discovery, Cooper began a nearly two-year process to prepare the fossil, which he named Apex, for display. First, he and his team **excavated** Apex's bones.

The skeleton was buried in hard sandstone, which protected the bones. Researchers believe the dinosaur was healthy and lived to an old age. They found no signs of battle-related injuries.

Cooper and his crew carefully removed layers of rock from the 254 bones they found. Then they rebuilt the skeleton like a giant

puzzle. Once they had it just right, they took Apex apart and shipped the bones to New York.

They put Apex together again in Sotheby's gallery.

Cooper understands why the buyer at the auction was so interested in purchasing Apex.

"I can feel their excitement

because it's the excitement I had," Cooper says in a video made for Sotheby's. "Then they're hopefully going to transfer that on to somebody else, like a museum."

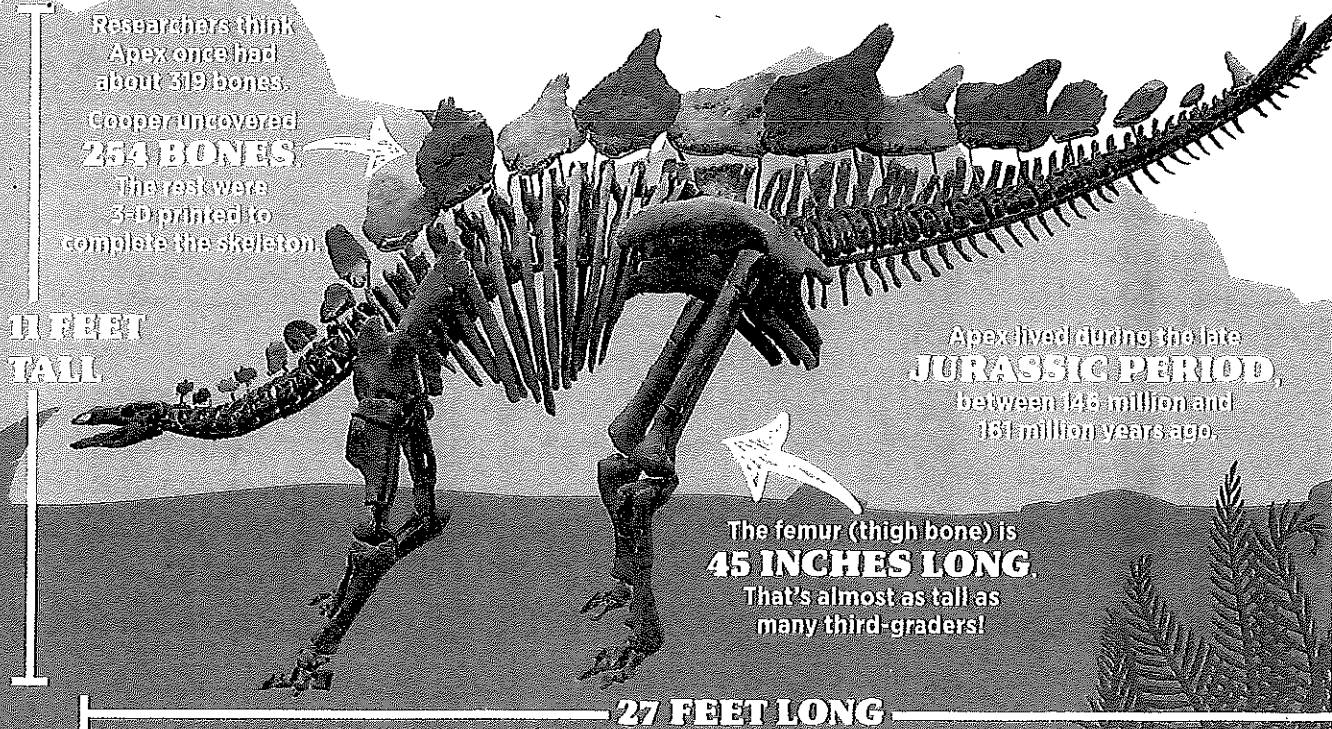
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Watch a VIDEO

Go back to a time when dinos roamed the planet.

WORD TO KNOW

excavated verb, past tense.
uncovered objects by digging



DEBATE IT!



Is It OK to Sneak Snacks Into the Movies?

The lights go down as the movie is about to start. Then you see someone pull a taco from her backpack. The three biggest theater chains in the U.S.—AMC, Regal Cinemas, and Cinemark—don't allow outside food. But that doesn't stop people from bringing their own snacks anyway.

A lot of moviegoers who bring outside food into theaters want to avoid paying

the high prices at snack stands. At many theaters, a large popcorn and drink costs about as much as a movie ticket.

But many people point out that some theaters earn about 40 percent of their money from the sale of food and drinks. Sneaking in your own snacks hurts the theater's business.

Here's what two of our readers think.



Noah Whitman
Pennsylvania

Movie tickets are expensive. Add the cost of snacks, and going to the movies can be unaffordable. When my mom and I watch movies at home,

we share a bag of microwave popcorn that costs \$1.25. At a theater, popcorn costs \$6 or more.

Plus, many theaters don't have good snack options for people with allergies or special diets. They should be allowed to bring their own.



Laura Tsao
California

It's best to follow the theater's rules. You should check with the staff before you bring in your own snacks.

Theaters make a lot of their money from the food they sell. If fewer people buy snacks, theaters might raise ticket prices.

If you want to have snacks but don't want to buy them, eat before you go to the movies or when you get home.

Want a chance to take part in a debate?

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I hereby consent to Scholastic's publication, in print and online, of the attached photo and my child's full name and state, together with their debate response. NOTE: We may edit responses for length and clarity.

STUDENT'S FULL NAME

DATE

STUDENT'S AGE AND GRADE

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME (PRINTED)

STUDENT'S HOME STATE

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

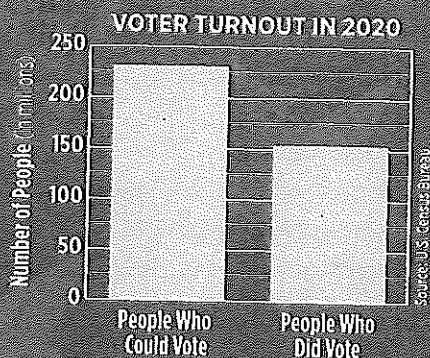
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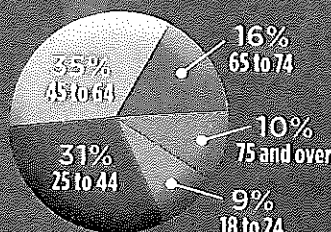
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EVERY VOTE COUNTS

Here are some figures about voting in the last presidential election.



BREAKDOWN OF PEOPLE WHO VOTED IN 2020, BY AGE GROUP



Note: Figures do not add up to 100 because of rounding. Source: U.S. Census Bureau

SOME OF THE MAIN REASONS PEOPLE DIDN'T VOTE IN 2020

29%

weren't registered to vote

23%

weren't interested

20%

disliked the candidates

16%

didn't think their vote would make a difference

Note: Percentages are rounded. Source: NPR/Medill School of Journalism/Ipsos poll, November 2020

PAGES 2-3

Is This the Future of Football?

3 What is the article mainly about?

- (A) why more kids than ever are playing flag football instead of tackle
- (B) how Cora Hernandez led her team to victory in a championship game in July
- (C) the different positions in flag football
- (D) the reasons Richie Lenhart enrolled his son in flag football in 2019

4 A concussion is a ____.

- (A) football field
- (B) medical expert
- (C) head injury
- (D) championship

5 Which statement is an opinion?

- (A) Studies show that more kids suffer head injuries playing tackle football than flag.
- (B) Flag football is easier to play than tackle.
- (C) More kids in the U.S. play flag than tackle.
- (D) Flag football has grown in popularity.

6 Kids who play tackle football average about _____ hits to the head each season.

5 Big Questions About Voting

7 To vote in a presidential election in the United States, a person must ____.

- (A) own land
- (B) be a U.S. citizen
- (C) have voted in past elections
- (D) go to a polling place

8 A democracy is a type of ____.

- (A) voting
- (B) protest
- (C) leader
- (D) government

9 College students who are away from home on Election Day can vote by using an ____.

10 Based on the article, Kim Wehle would most likely agree with which statement?

- (A) It's OK not to vote if you're too busy.
- (B) Only presidential elections matter.
- (C) Everyone who can vote should do so.
- (D) You don't need to vote, because other people will choose our leaders.

PAGES 4-5

Review

Vocabulary

Choose the correct term from the Vocabulary box to complete the sentences. Not all terms may be used.

Vocabulary

addend
estimate
formula

1 A mathematical relationship expressed in symbols is called a _____.

2 A number that is added to another number is called an _____.

Concepts and Skills

Estimate. Then find the sum.

3 Estimate: _____

$$\begin{array}{r} 480,321 \\ + 341,569 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

4 Estimate: _____

$$\begin{array}{r} 403,977 \\ + 184,952 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

5 Estimate: _____

$$\begin{array}{r} 7,784 \\ + 2,389 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Estimate. Then find the difference.

6 Estimate: _____

$$\begin{array}{r} 5,000 \\ - 2,642 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

7 Estimate: _____

$$\begin{array}{r} 475,837 \\ - 264,822 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

8 Estimate: _____

$$\begin{array}{r} 68,652 \\ - 16,867 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

9 **(MP) Use Tools** The sports arena had a total attendance of 54,927 people on Friday and Saturday night. If 23,380 people were in attendance on Saturday night, how many people were in attendance on Friday night? How many more people were in attendance on Friday night than on Saturday night? Tell what strategy or tool you will use to solve the problem, explain your choice, and then find the answers.

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- 11** The library collected 2,532 books on Friday. The library collected 1,286 more books on Saturday than the amount collected on Friday.

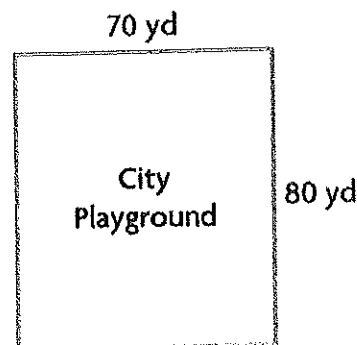
How many books were collected on Saturday? Draw a visual model for this problem. Then solve.

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- 13** A bike club is planning their training route. The route follows the perimeter of a rectangular park with a length of 5 miles and a width of 4 miles. How far is their route?

- (A) 36 miles
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- 14** The diagram shows the plan of the new rectangular playground. How many yards of fencing will the city need if they put a fence around the playground?
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|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3 Estimate: <u>800,000</u> | 4 Estimate: <u>600,000</u> | 5 Estimate: <u>10,000</u> |
| 480,321 | 403,977 | 7,784 |
| + 341,569 | + 184,952 | + 2,389 |
| <u>821,890</u> | <u>588,929</u> | <u>10,173</u> |

Estimate. Then find the difference. Possible estimates are given.

- | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 6 Estimate: <u>2,000</u> | 7 Estimate: <u>200,000</u> | 8 Estimate: <u>50,000</u> |
| 5,000 | 475,837 | 68,652 |
| - 2,642 | - 264,822 | - 16,867 |
| <u>2,358</u> | <u>211,015</u> | <u>51,785</u> |

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Students' choices of strategies or tools will vary; 31,547 people;

8,167 more people

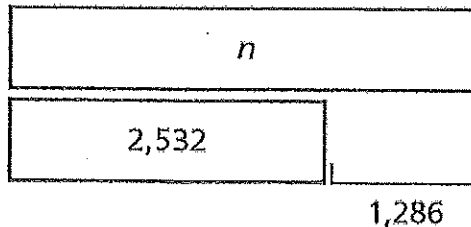
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$$n = 86 - 57; n = 29 \text{ pages}$$

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How many books were collected on Saturday? Draw a visual model for this problem. Then solve.

Possible drawing:



- 12 Find the perimeter of a rectangle if the width is 3 centimeters and the length is 6 centimeters longer than the width. Explain your thinking.

24 centimeters; Possible explanation: I know $w = 3$ cm, and

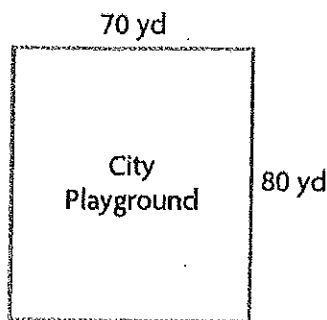
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300 yards of fencing



- 1** What is the sum of
 $46,359 + 1,273$?

(A) 47,522 (C) 58,089
(B) 47,632 (D) 59,089

- 2** How much greater is 579,611
than 185,105?

(A) 394,506 (C) 405,494
(B) 394,516 (D) 414,514

- 3** A rectangle has a length of
7 meters and a width of 3 meters.
What is the perimeter of the
rectangle in meters?

(A) 10 meters (C) 21 meters
(B) 20 meters (D) 42 meters

- 4** The width of a field is 14 yards,
and the length is 3 yards longer
than the width. What is the
perimeter of the field in yards?

(A) 17 yards (C) 42 yards
(B) 34 yards (D) 62 yards

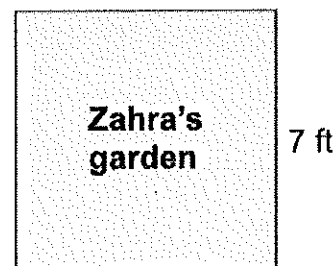
- 5** What is the difference?
 $682,741 - 95,126$

- 6** What is the sum?
 $7,218 + 32,849$

- 7** Round each number to the nearest thousand and then add or subtract.
Place an X in the table to show which number is the answer.

	78,000	79,000	80,000
$88,521 - 9,263$			
$70,499 + 8,391$			
$63,901 + 15,899$			

- 8** The diagram shows the plans for
Zahra's square garden. How many
feet of fencing will Zahra need to
put a fence around her garden?



- 9** Bailey wrote the number 187,296. Alex wrote the number 592,479. What is the estimated sum of their numbers rounded to the nearest hundred thousand?

- 10** The length of a rectangle is 8 inches. The width of the rectangle is 4 inches. What is the perimeter of the rectangle in inches?

- 11** The total attendance for a fair last year was 162,573 people. The total attendance this year was 159,865 people. How many fewer people attended the fair this year than last year?

- 12** Arnold has a rug shaped like a rectangle. His rug measures 5 feet long and 3 feet wide.

Part A

Write an expression to find the perimeter.

Part B

How many feet is the perimeter of Arnold's rug?

- 13** A female white rhinoceros weighs 3,981 pounds. A male white rhinoceros weighs 5,032 pounds. How many more pounds does the male rhinoceros weigh than the female?

- 14** James has a goal of reading 3,250 pages. He reads 384 pages the first month.

Part A

James writes the expression $3,300 + 400$ to estimate how many more pages he needs to read. Is his estimate reasonable?

- (A) No, he should have rounded 3,250 to 3,200 instead.
- (B) No, he should have subtracted from 3,300 instead of adding.
- (C) Yes, he correctly rounded each number to the nearest hundred.
- (D) Yes, he correctly rounded each number to the nearest thousand.

Part B

How many more pages does James need to read to reach his goal?

Directions: Please choose two topics to write about over the next few days. Each topic should have at least six sentences and should be seven-up sentences. Seven words per sentence. If you prefer to type the paragraphs, you are welcome to do so.

Writing prompt

What if you discovered a secret portal to another world? Where would you go, and what would you do?

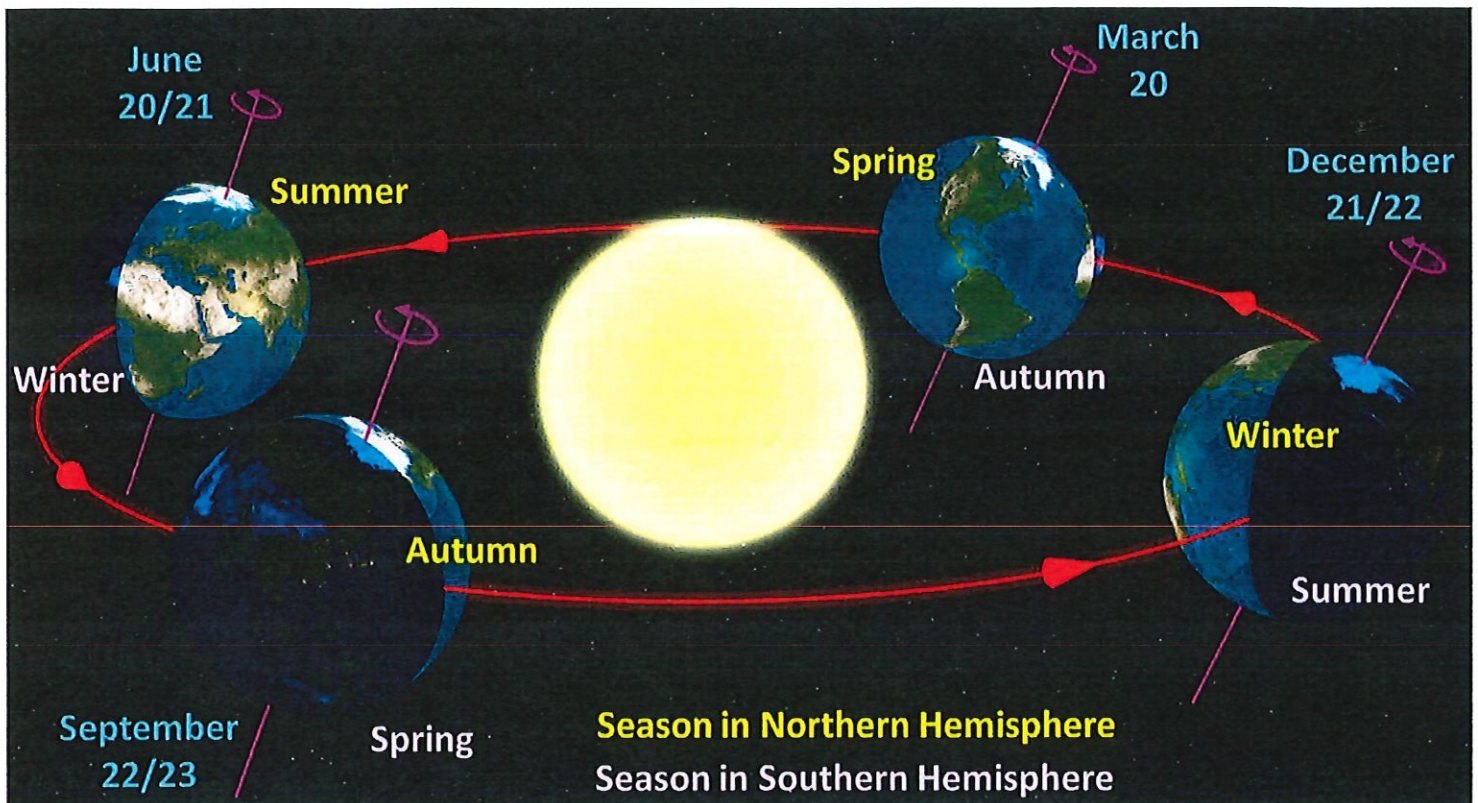
If you could have a superpower to turn into any animal, which animal would you become to save the world from an alien? Why?

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Image Analysis: Notice & Wonder

Instructions: Look at the image and write down 2-3 things you notice (key details, main ideas, themes) and then write down 2-3 things you wonder (questions you have because of the image, things you are curious about when you look at the image.)

**What
do you
notice?**



**What
do you
wonder?**

Read & Take Notes

Instructions: Read the passage below. Take notes in the space provided.

Take Notes Here

The Earth spins around like a top. This is called rotating. It takes 24 hours for the Earth to spin all the way around. That's why we have 24 hours in a day. When the Earth spins, it looks like the sun is moving across the sky. But it's really the Earth that's moving. The Earth also goes around the sun. This is called revolving. It takes 365 days for the Earth to go all the way around the sun. That's why we have a year. The Earth is tilted on its axis. This tilt is what causes the seasons. When the Earth is tilted towards the sun, it's summer. When the Earth is tilted away from the sun, it's winter.

Answer and Explain

Instructions: For each question, answer the question and then explain why you picked the answer you did using specific evidence from the text.

Question:

1. What does the Earth do that makes it look like the sun is moving across the sky?

Pick the Answer

- A) The Earth spins around.
- B) The Earth goes around the sun.
- C) The Earth is tilted on its axis.
- D) The Earth gets closer to the sun.

Explain: Why did you pick that answer?

Question:

2. How long does it take for the Earth to spin all the way around?

Pick the Answer

- A) 12 hours
- B) 24 hours
- C) 365 days
- D) 1 year

Explain: Why did you pick that answer?

Question:

3. What causes the seasons?

Pick the Answer

- A) The Earth spinning around.
- B) The Earth going around the sun.
- C) The Earth being tilted on its axis.
- D) The Earth getting closer to the sun.

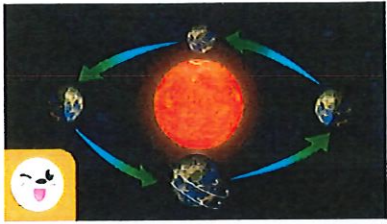
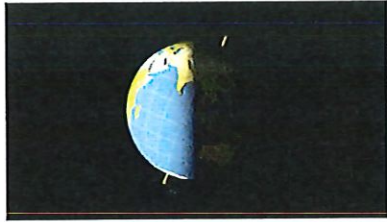

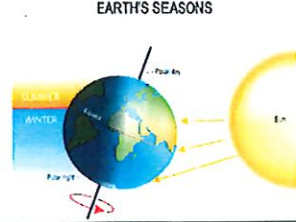

Explain: Why did you pick that answer?



Vocabulary: Match and Explain

Instructions: Read the words and definitions below. Then look at the pictures and decide which word matches each image. Explain why the word and picture go together.

rotating	revolving	axis	tilted	seasons
Spinning around like a top.	Going around something in a circle.	An imaginary line that goes through the center of something, like the Earth.	Leaning to one side.	The different times of the year, like spring, summer, fall, and winter.

Picture	The word that best matches this is...	This word matches the picture because...
		
		
		
		
		

Social Studies 4th Grade.

Directions: Read the printout to help you fill in the blank spaces on the timeline.

Florida Becomes a State

Florida experienced great changes during the early to mid-1800s. In 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States. The U.S. government combined East and West Florida to create one territory. Andrew Jackson was appointed the military governor of the new territory. Jackson was tasked with establishing a territorial government, organizing Spanish and British land claims in the new territory, and arranging the peaceful transfer of power from Spain to the United States. This was not an easy task for Jackson. He faced many challenges during his short time as the military governor of the territory.

Many Spanish, Native American, and African settlers, who had lived in Florida for several years, were unhappy with the changes. They did not trust the new territorial officials, and they were upset with the influx of new settlers to the territory. Spanish military and government officials were unwilling to work with Jackson and the new government. They left Florida to settle in other areas of the Spanish empire.

The Seminole and other Native American tribes of Florida were wary of Jackson

and the new government of the territory. Jackson led U.S. troops into Florida to oppose Native American resistance during the First Seminole War. The territorial government of Florida hoped to restrict the movements of the Seminole Tribe by forcing them onto a reservation in South Florida. The Seminole refused to leave their ancestral homeland. As a result, two more wars were fought between the Seminole and the United States for total control of the territory.

African settlers were also wary of the new government. Many African settlers were formerly enslaved people who had escaped enslavement and gained their freedom in Florida. The Spanish government protected these people, but the free African population of Florida was unsure if the United States would offer the same protections as the Spanish government. Many feared that they would be returned to their former enslavers or forced back into enslavement. During the 1820s, about 150 African settlers left Florida and settled in Cuba. They did this to keep their rights as Spanish citizens. Others stayed and fought to keep their rights and property.

Jackson worked quickly to complete his tasks. He did not want to stay in Florida long. In 1822, William P. Duval replaced Jackson as the new governor of the territory. Duval's mission was different from Jackson's. He wanted to encourage more American settlers to come to Florida. He also hoped to establish a new capital and increase economic activities in the territory. If he could complete these goals, then Florida could become a state.

In order to become a state, the population of a territory had to be at least 60,000. In 1821, Florida was home to about 8,000 people. The territory had a long way to go to reach a population of 60,000. Duval knew this, so he focused his initial efforts on creating a capital and building a strong territorial government. In 1824, Duval and government officials decided to create a new capital between St. Augustine and Pensacola. A site was chosen near the former location of Mission San Luis. The new capital was named Tallahassee, a Creek word that means "old field" or "old town."

After Tallahassee was established as the capital and the town began to grow, settlers

poured into the area from other states. The land around the new capital city was very fertile. Settlers established farms and plantations in the area. Plantation owners from Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and the Carolinas came to Florida in search of more land. They brought thousands of enslaved people with them to work on their plantations. Cotton was the primary crop grown on the plantations around Tallahassee. It quickly became the main cash crop grown in the territory.

When the Second Seminole War ended in 1842, hundreds of Native Americans were forced to move to Indian Territory in Oklahoma or move to a reservation established by the government. The land that once belonged to Native Americans was bought by new settlers. By 1845, the population of Florida had exceeded 60,000. The territorial government had already created a draft of the possible state constitution, so it was time for Florida to petition Congress to become a state.

On March 3, 1845, Florida became the 27th state in the Union. William D. Mosley was elected governor of the new state. David Levy Yulee and James D. Westcott Jr. were selected as the first senators to represent Florida in the national government. The state was on its way to becoming an important part of the country. Statehood also had a big impact on the people, economy, geography, and culture of Florida.



Name: _____ Date: _____

Florida Statehood Timeline

Date	Event
1821	
	Florida was home to about 8,000 people.
	During this time, about 150 African settlers left Florida and settled in Cuba.
1822	
1824	
	This is the year that the Second Seminole War ended.
1845	
March 3, 1845	