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 Independent Reading

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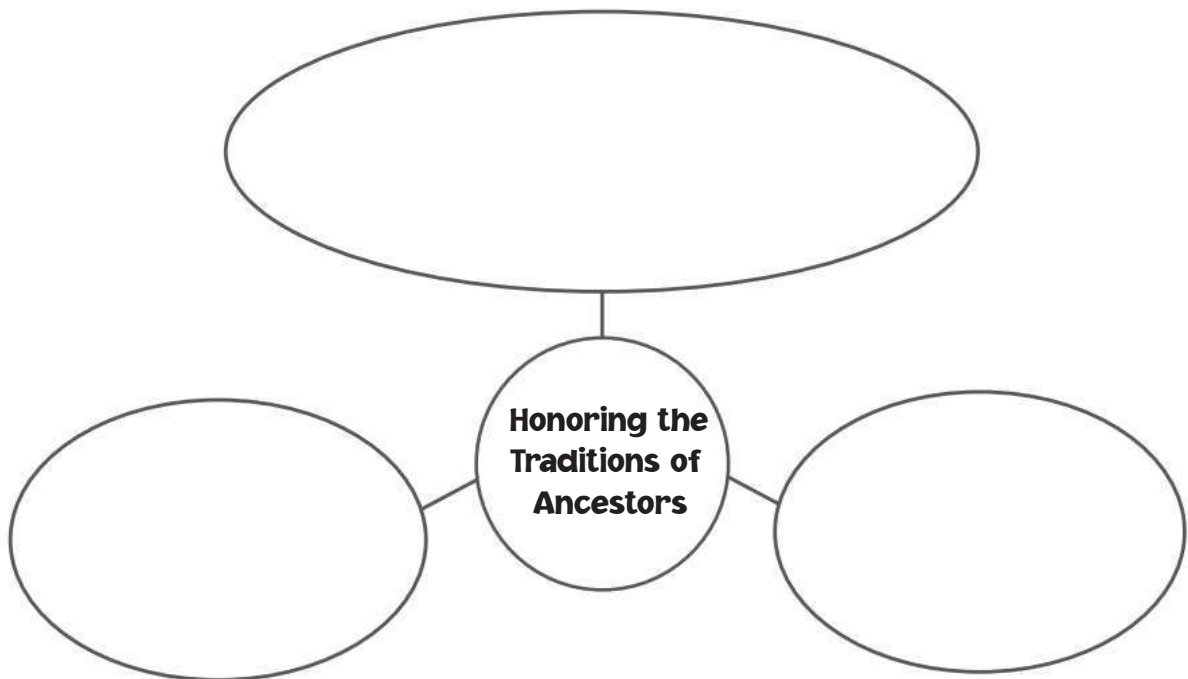
Write a Thematic Poem

One of the important themes in “The Birchbark House” is honoring the traditions of ancestors. Omakayas refers to these traditions throughout the story. The concept map below will show how her words and actions connect to this theme.

Read page 672. How does the way Omakayas greets the bear cubs show her respect for traditions? Write your answer in one of the empty ovals on the concept map.

Read page 674. What tradition does Omakayas follow if she brings the bear cubs home? Write this detail in an empty oval.

Read page 677. How does Omakayas use a tradition to keep the mother bear from hurting her? Write it in the last oval on the map.



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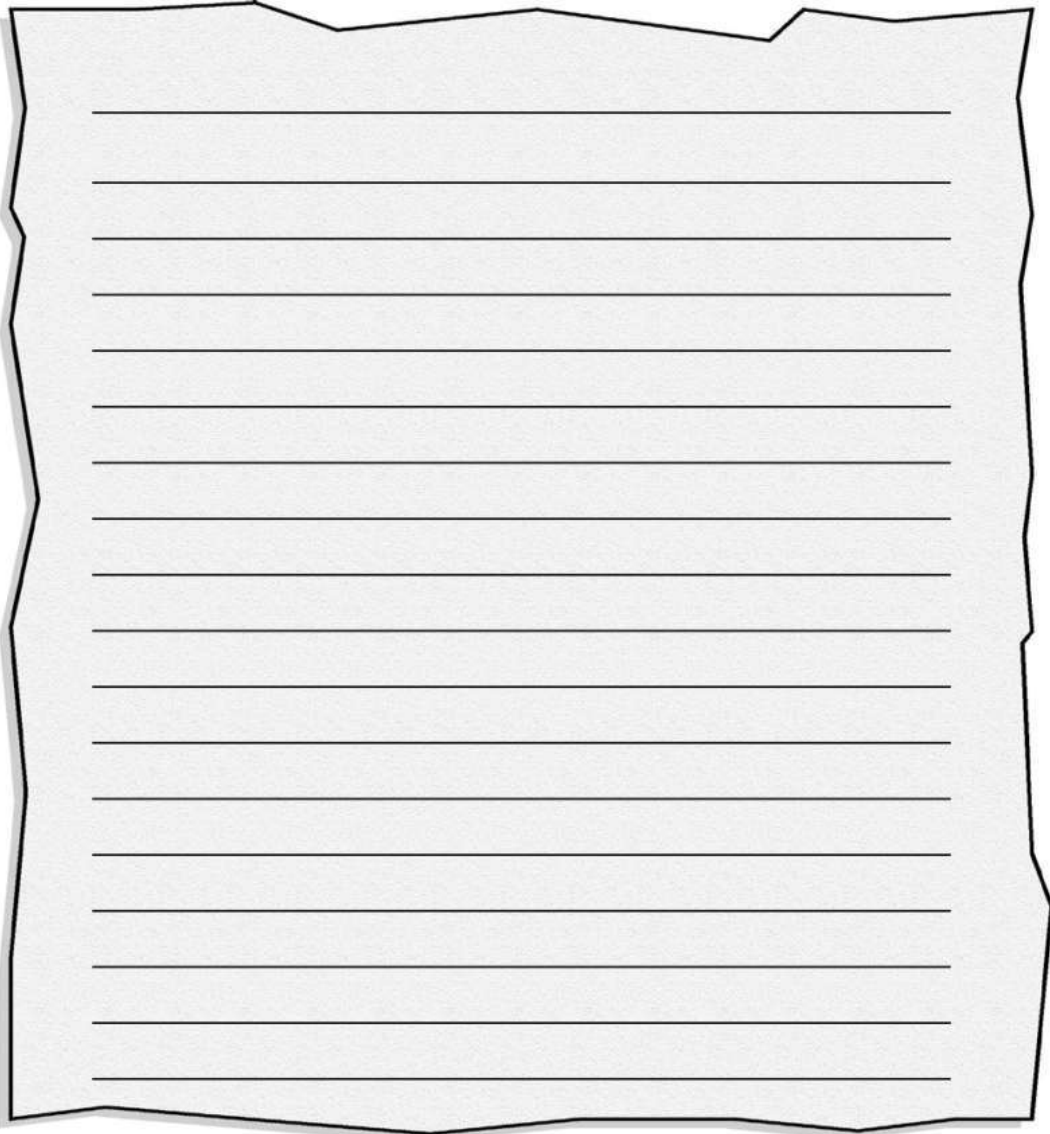
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Write a poem about Omakayas' experience with the mother bear and her cubs. Use the information from the concept web to write your poem. It does not need to rhyme. Use words that express strong impressions about what Omakayas hears and sees and that show her respect for her people's traditions.



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Reference Materials

1–8. Read each sentence carefully. Circle the choice that is the most accurate synonym for the underlined word.

Use a dictionary and thesaurus as needed.

1. Omakayas had to stay calm during her encounter with the bear.
(support, remain, stick)
2. The patter of the hail hitting the roof was loud. (chatter, speech, tap)
3. The horse could be distinguished by the blaze on his nose. (light, stripe, proclaim)
4. They sewed a cloak from the hide. (conceal, shelter, pelt)
5. She will bow to her grandmother as an outward sign of respect.
(bend, yield, arc)
6. The mother bear did not desert her cubs; they wandered off.
(wilderness, leave, reward)
7. The baby bears were very content to play with Omakayas.
(ingredients, subject, satisfied)
8. She decided to bore a hole through the shell and wear it on a string.
(tire, drill, pest)

9–10. Write an original sentence for both meanings of the word below.

9. bluff¹ *n.* The act of deceiving.

10. bluff² *n.* A steep cliff.

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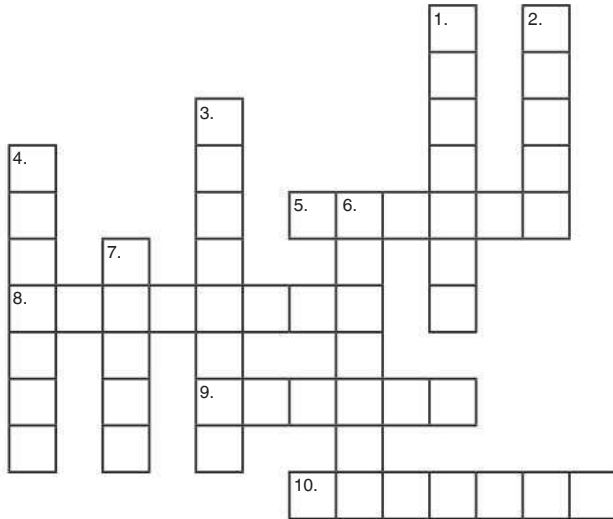
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Basic Complete the puzzle by writing the Basic Word for each clue.


Across

5. growing in a certain place
 8. family member
 9. journey
 10. satisfaction of customers' needs

Down

1. fairness
 2. a picture or likeness
 3. imaginative
 4. space for keeping things
 6. typical or normal
 7. small black or green salad item

Challenge 11–14. Josie's grandfather is a plumber, and so is her mother. Write a paragraph about why Josie might or might not choose to become a plumber when she grows up. Use four of the Challenge Words. Write on a separate sheet of paper.

Spelling Words

1. storage
2. olive
3. service
4. relative
5. cabbage
6. courage
7. native
8. passage
9. voyage
10. knowledge
11. image
12. creative
13. average
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16. postage
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Spelling Word Sort

Write each Basic Word beside the correct heading.

Final /i~j/	Basic Words: Challenge Words: Possible Selection Words:
Final /i~v/	Basic Words: Challenge Words: Possible Selection Words:
Final /i~s/	Basic Words: Challenge Words:

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Challenge Add the Challenge Words to your Word Sort.

Connect to Reading Look through *The Birchbark House*. Find words that have final /i~j/, /i~v/, /i~s/ sounds in the singular or base form. Add them to your Word Sort.

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Proofreading for Spelling

Find the misspelled words and circle them. Write them correctly on the lines below.

My brother Ben, who was my only reletive, and I wanted to work together. A pasagge from a Pony Express newspaper ad read, "Willing to risk death daily." It left no room for cowerdice. The ad also said that a knowlege of riding was required. We had horses on our cabagge farm before we moved out West, so we could ride. Ben decided to play detecktive and find out more about the Pony Express. He discovered that the pay was \$100 a month, but the work was dangerous. It would take a lot of courage to gallop along trails through strange, new lands in all kinds of weather. What if we came across an American Indian vilage? We wouldn't know the native langauge to communicate.

After our interview, Ben and I smiled at the adjetive the boss used: "You two are a 'perfect' fit for the job," he said. It certainly helped that we knew that the required postege for a letter was \$5, and that the servis was fast—sometimes only 10 days!

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| 1. _____ | 7. _____ |
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| 3. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 12. _____ |

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The Present Perfect Tense

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 Grammar: Perfect Tenses

The **present perfect tense** of a verb shows an action that began in the past and is still happening. To write the present perfect tense, use *has* or *have* as a helping verb. Then write the correct form of the main verb.

present perfect tense

She has lived in the village since she was born.

They have taken this road many times.

Thinking Questions

Is the helping verb in the present tense? Is the main verb in the past participle form?

Activity Write the present perfect tense of the verb in parentheses on the line.

1. Angel and I (know) _____ each other since third grade.
2. Chess (be) _____ a part of our culture for a long time.
3. We (play) _____ many games of chess together.
4. Jusef (learn) _____ to play chess, too.
5. A new family (move) _____ into town.
6. The new girl (tell) _____ us about traditions in her culture.
7. They (be) _____ busy unpacking their things.
8. I (finish) _____ all my extra chores.