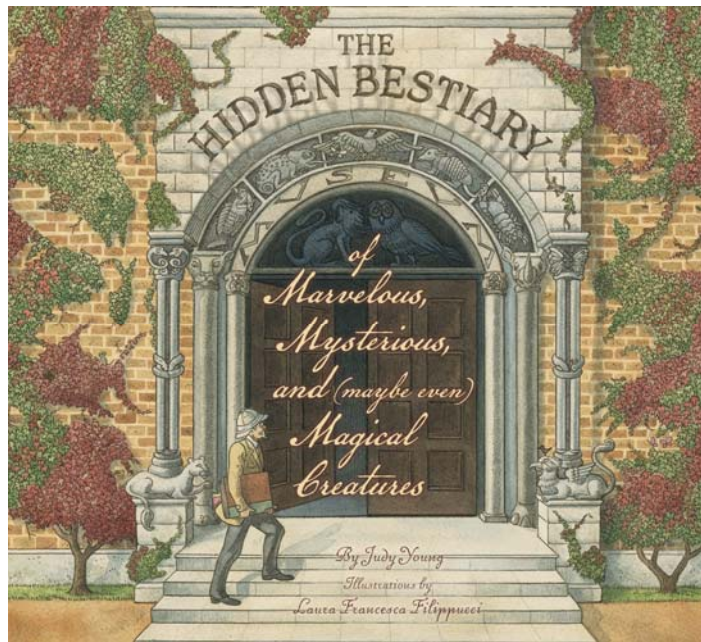


Teacher's Guide



The Hidden Bestiary

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WHAT IS A BESTIARY?

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, a bestiary is a collection of descriptions or representations of real and imaginary animals.

Make your own additions to *The Hidden Bestiary*.

1. Draw one extinct animal that is not found in the book.
2. Draw one endangered animal not found in the book.
3. Name and draw one imaginary animal, using your own imagination!

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CROSSWORD



Each of the answers needed to solve this crossword can be found in *The Hidden Bestiary*.

1. B _____
2. E _____
3. S _____
4. T _____
5. I _____
6. A _____
7. R _____
8. Y _____

1. A bird eats with its _____
2. An animal that once lived on earth but no longer exists is _____
3. Home of the Loch Ness monster _____
4. The country the tiger was from _____
5. The _____ Ocean touches three continents.
6. An animal that lives in water is said to be _____
7. China was the home of the _____ dolphin.
8. The author of *The Hidden Bestiary* is Judy _____

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The world has gone through dramatic changes over its life. We continue to lose entire species of creatures as their sources of food and water are diminished. Some creatures have been lost due to changes in the Earth's temperature and others have been lost due to the lifestyles of people.

The Giant Guitarfish, Whooping Crane, and Kakapo are all endangered. Creatures have also been taken off the endangered list because people have worked to save them.

Make a list of ways that we can help save these and other endangered species.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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ENDANGERED, EXTINCT, OR NONEXISTENT?

In your adventures with Basil Bernard Barnswritten you will discover creatures that are endangered or extinct or never existed at all!

Place each animal from the box below in its correct category.

Giant Guitarfish	Whopping Crane	Basilisk
	Tasmanian Tiger	Phoenix
Dodo	Loch Ness Monster	Kraken
	Kakapo	Chinese River Dolphin
Quagga	Golden Toad	Jackalope
	Steller's Sea Cow	

Never Existed

Endangered

Extinct

Draw your favorite extinct creature.

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FUN WITH FRACTIONS



In *The Hidden Bestiary* you read about nonexistent, extinct, and endangered creatures.

Use this information to help you solve these fraction problems.

Never Existed

5

Endangered

3

Extinct

6

1. What fraction of the total animals are extinct? _____
2. What fraction of the total animals are endangered? _____
3. Write the fraction of the total animals that never existed. _____
4. What fraction of the total animals are extinct or never existed? _____
5. Write a fraction that compares the endangered to the extinct. _____
6. Compare the extinct to the never existed. _____
7. Compare the never existed to the endangered plus extinct. _____

Write a comparison fraction question of your own.

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BESTIARY GEOGRAPHY



Dr. B.B.B.'s search for creatures takes him around the globe. He travels to six different continents during his trip.

Continents: North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and Antarctica.

Name the continent where each of these creatures was found.

1. Tasmanian Tiger _____
2. Chinese River Dolphin _____
3. Loch Ness Monster _____
4. Quagga _____
5. Whooping Crane _____
6. Golden Toad _____

Habitats

Name the animal found in each of these habitats.

1. Name the endangered animal that lives in the jungle _____
2. Name the extinct bird that lived in a forest _____
3. Name the endangered bird that lives in the wetlands _____
4. Name the nonexistent creature said to live in the American West _____
5. Name the extinct creature that lived the farthest north _____

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CREATE A FANTASTIC CREATURE!

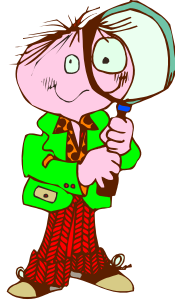
Several of the creatures found in *The Hidden Bestiary* are not real creatures. Some have even been made up, using parts of several different existing animals.

Make up a creature of your own. Name your creature and draw a picture of it.

Write a two stanza poem about your creature. Each stanza should have four lines with the end words of lines two and four rhyming.

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FOLLOW THE CLUES LIKE A DETECTIVE!



The following poem is found in the book *The Hidden Bestiary*. What is hidden in the poem and the picture?

Whooping Crane

I hovered above wetlands
Like a huge dragonfly
For the rare whooping crane
I was wanting to spy.

With his iris-red crown,
His beak open in song,
I'm filled with great hope
That his chances are strong.

Do you think the Whopping Crane is extinct, endangered, or nonexistent?

Circle the words in the poem that help you find the answers.

Where are the whooping cranes found in the picture? _____

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YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

Carefully read the wonderful book *The Hidden Bestiary* paying special attention to the species that are endangered.

Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper giving your opinion on the following question.

DO YOU THINK ENDANGERED SPECIES ARE WORTH PROTECTING?

State your opinion in a complete sentence.
Give at least three different facts that support your opinion.
Restate your opinion using different words.

Dear Editor,

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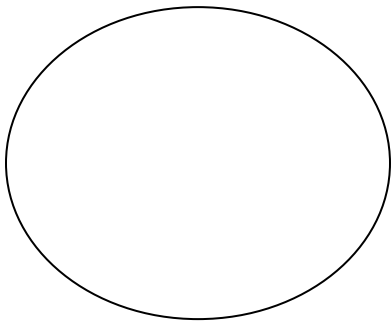
Sincerely,

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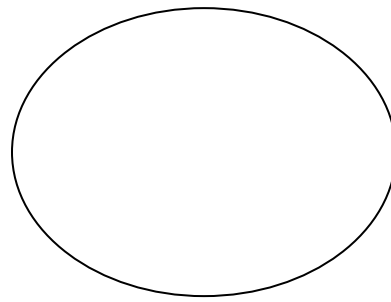
MAKE AN ENDANGERED SPECIES WEB

Choose one of the endangered animals from *The Hidden Bestiary* and make a character web about the animal.

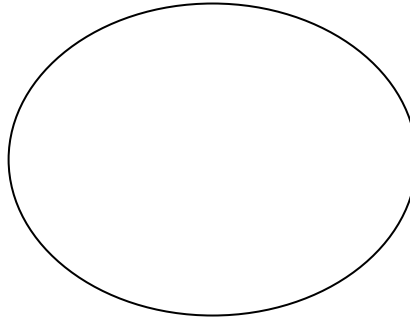
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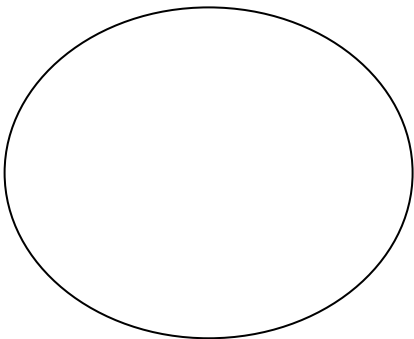
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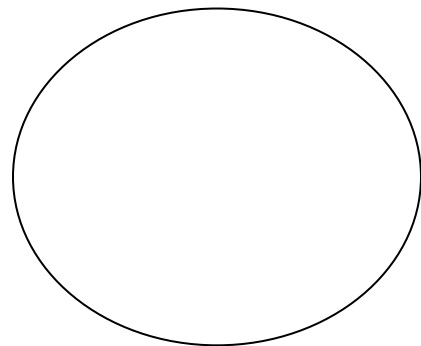
Creature



Why it's endangered



What's being done to save it?



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Visual Aids Guide and Discussion Questions

Teachers: The following pages include reproductions of each illustrated scene from the book with the hidden creature circled for easy identification. Please refer to the scenes as needed as you use the questions below to help start classroom discussion.

The illustrator used a variety of techniques to disguise or camouflage the 14 creatures featured in this book. Can you describe some of these techniques?

Example: Using a tree trunk to conceal the quagga

Can you identify the creatures that the illustrator created using the actual landscape?

Example: The jackalope or the Loch Ness monster

Do you think there is any connection between how the illustrator chose to illustrate a creature and whether or not it was real or imaginary?

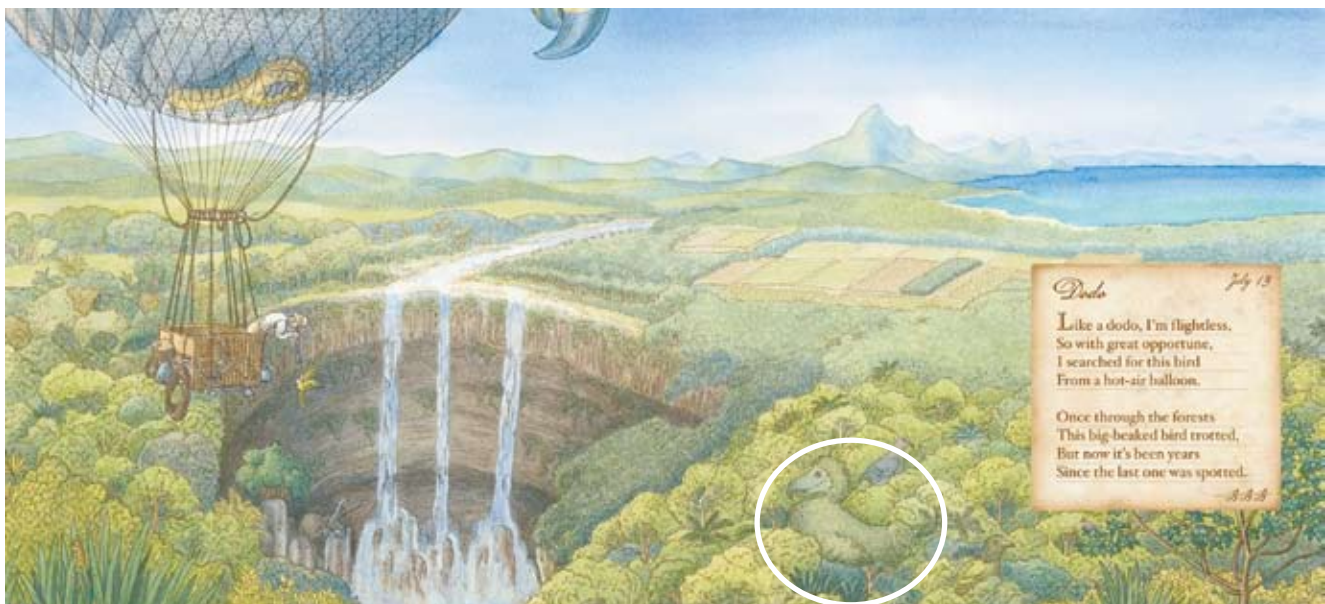
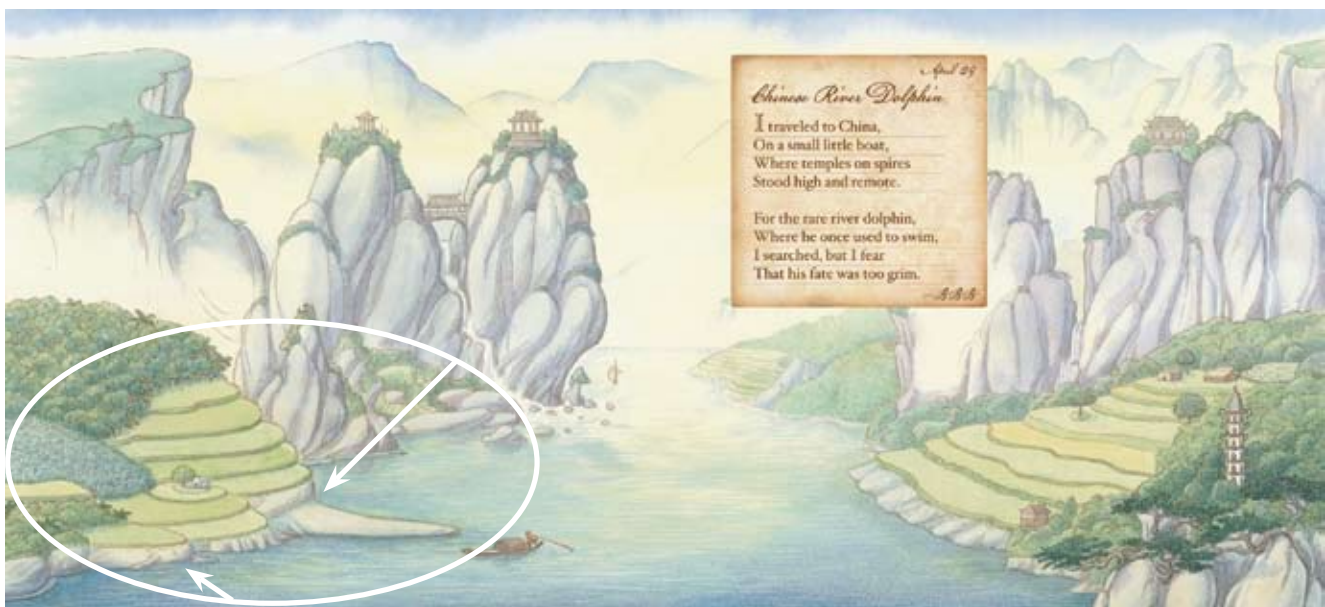
Can you tell from the poems which creatures are still alive?

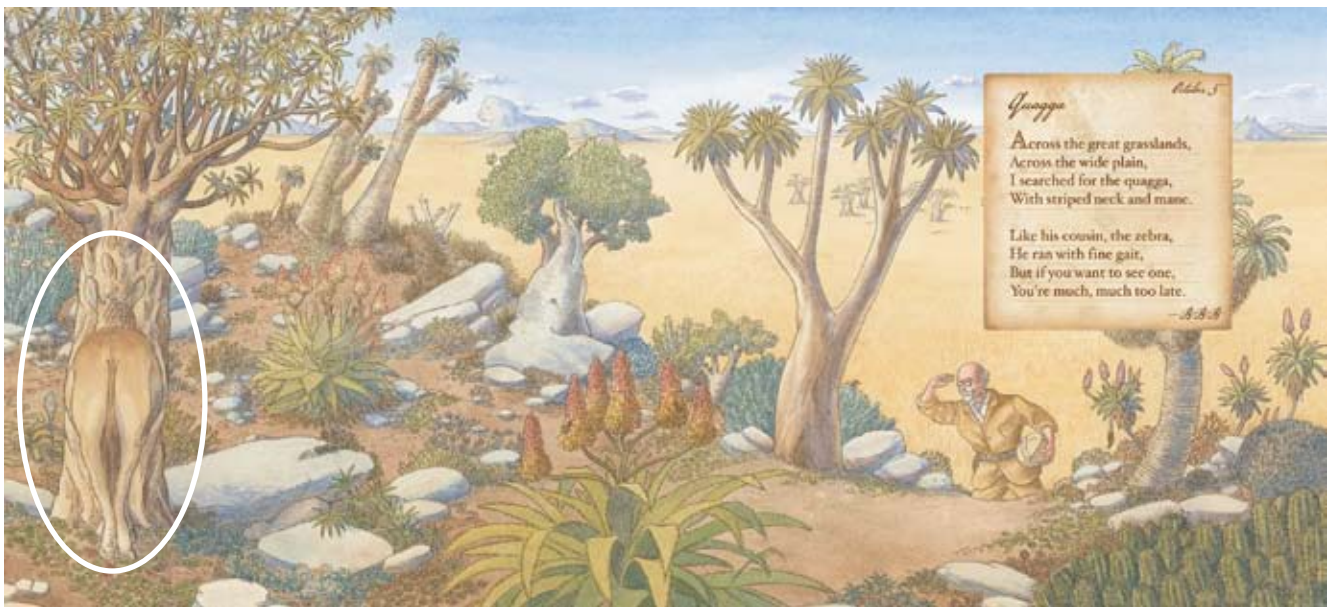
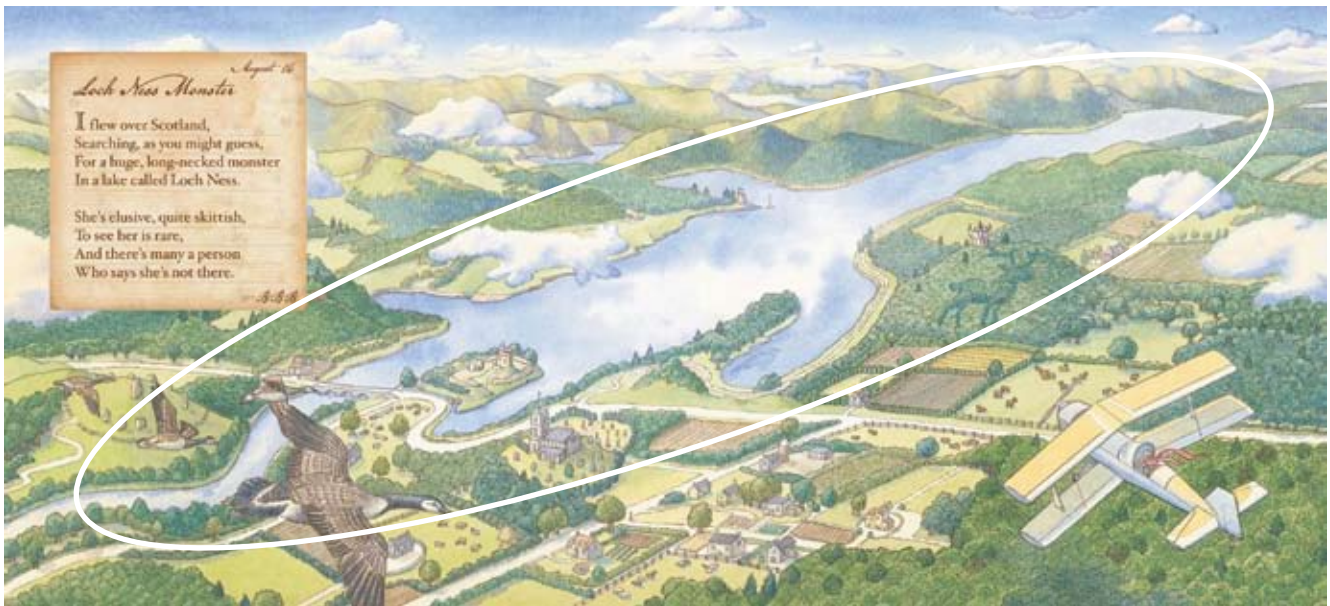
Reread the poems and identify the clue that helps locate the hidden creature.

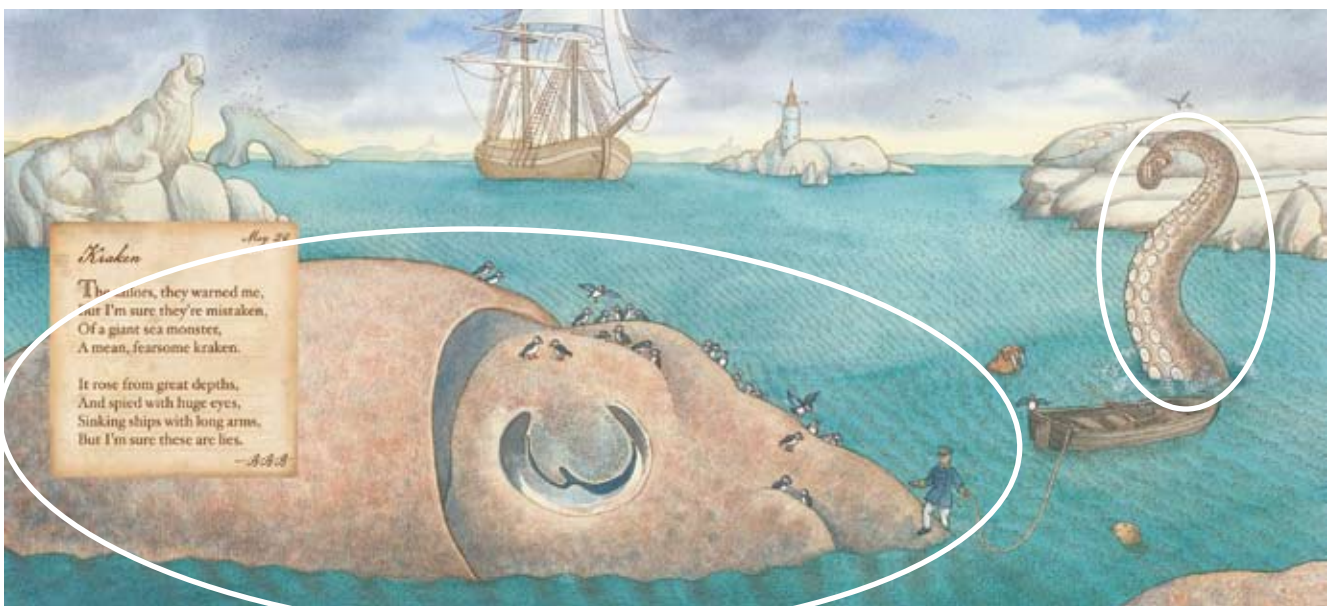
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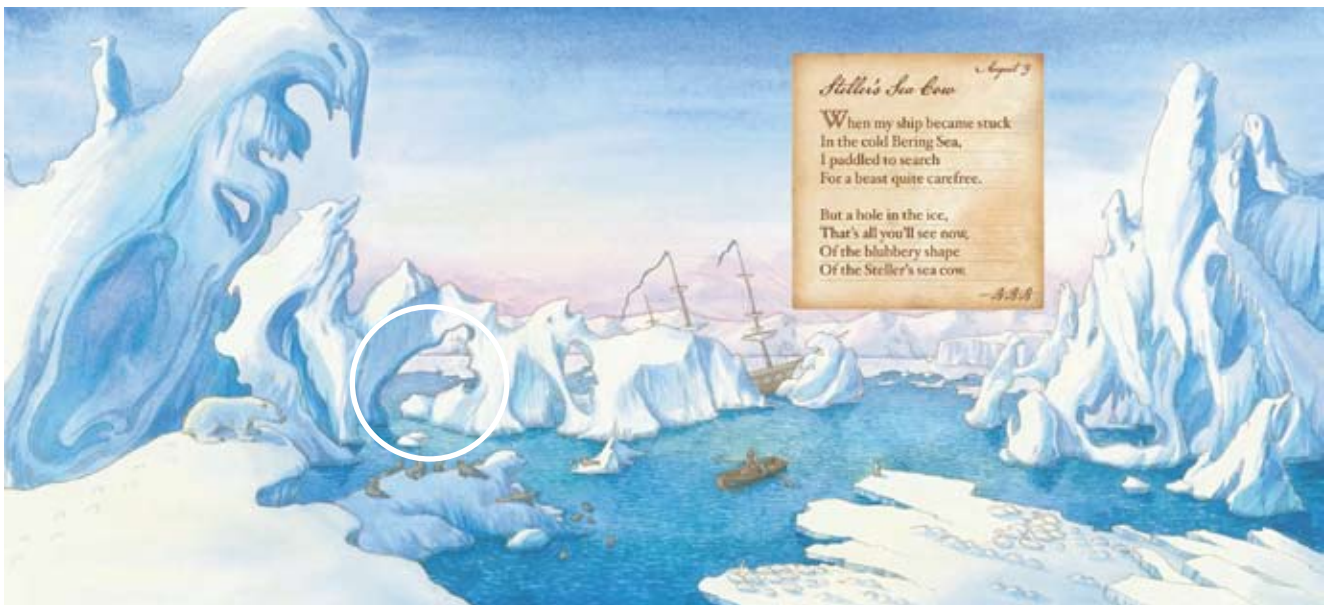
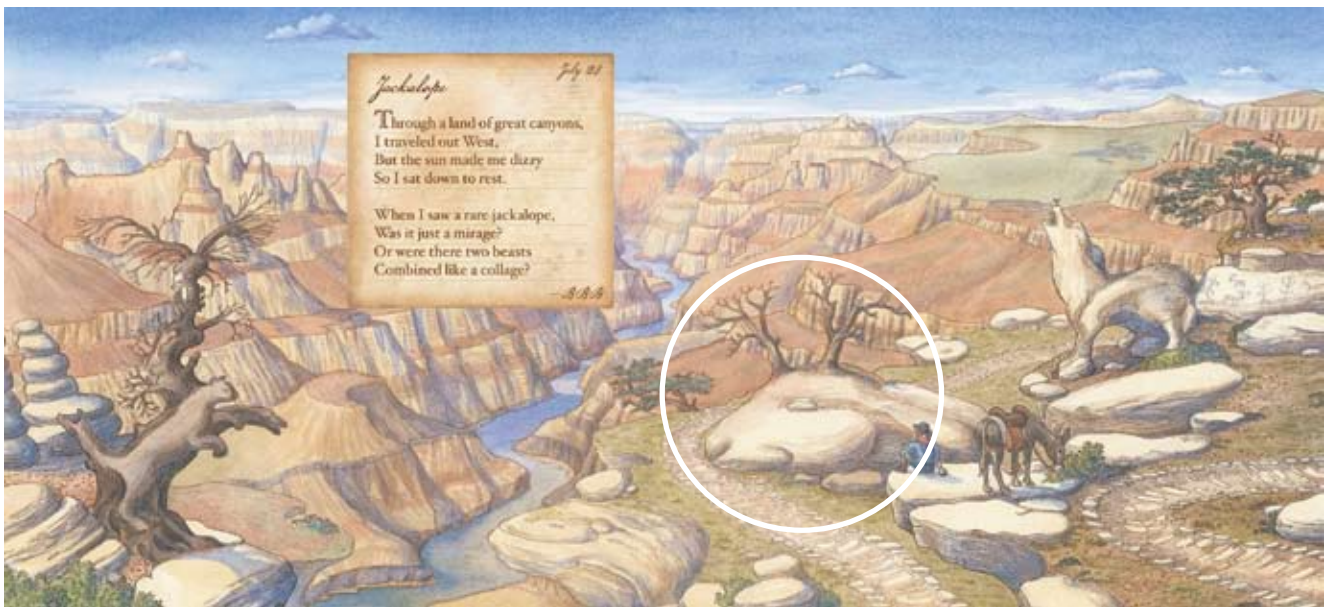
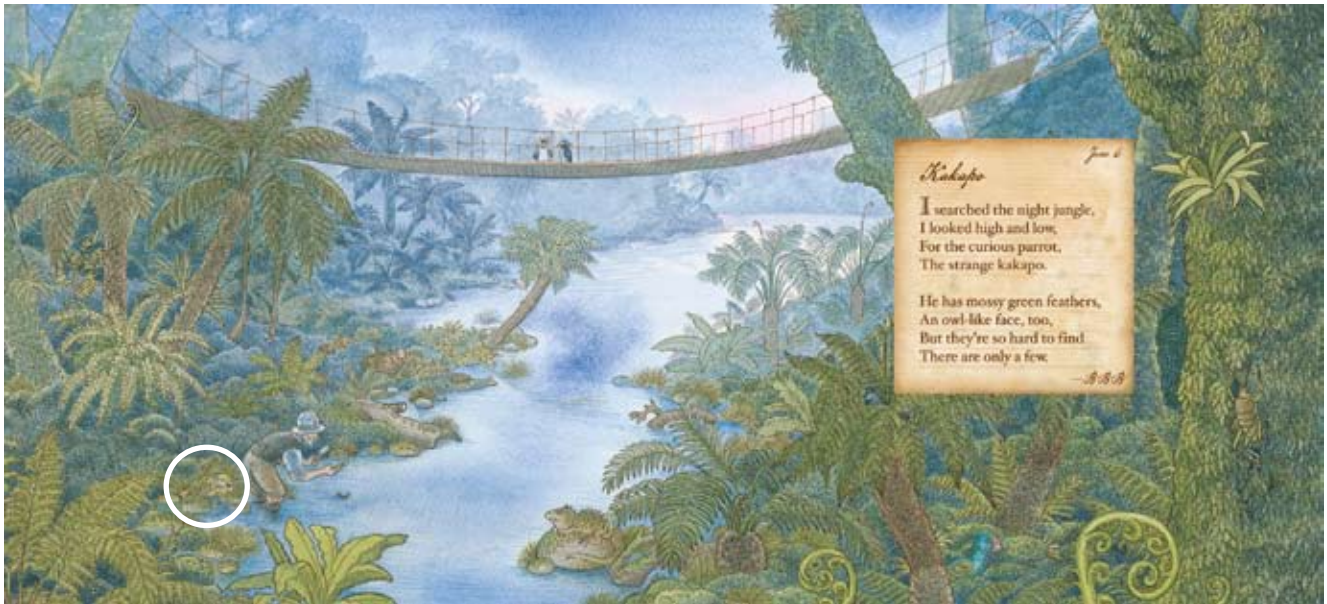
***“But a hole in the ice,
That’s all you’ll see now,
Of the blubbery shape
Of the Steller’s Sea Cow”***

Visual Aids Guide











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ANSWER SHEET

CROSSWORD- 1) beak 2) extinct 3) Scotland 4) Tasmania 5) Indian
6) aquatic 7) river 8) Young

ENDANGERED, EXTINCT, OR NONEXISTENT

Endangered- Giant Guitarfish, Whooping Crane, Kakapo

Extinct- Tasmanian Tiger, Dodo, Chinese River Dolphin, Quagga, Golden Toad, Steller's Sea Cow

Nonexistent- Loch Ness Monster, Phoenix, Kraken, Jackalope, Basilisk

FUN WITH FRACTIONS- 1) $\frac{6}{14}$ or $\frac{3}{7}$ 2) $\frac{3}{14}$ 3) $\frac{5}{14}$ 4) $\frac{11}{14}$
5) $\frac{3}{6}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ 6) $\frac{6}{5}$ 7) $\frac{5}{9}$

BESTIARY GEOGRAPHY- 1) Australia 2) Asia 3) Europe 4) Africa
5) North America 6) South America

HABITATS- 1) Kakapo 2) Dodo 3) Whooping Crane 4) Jackalope
5) Steller's Sea Cow