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THE MAN WHO PLANTED TREES

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Jean Giono wrote The Man Who Planted Trees in 1953. The story has been translated into 13 different languages. Despite its widespread popularity, Giono has never accepted a penny for this work. He stated that his love for nature was more important than making any money on this story. “I wrote this story to make people love trees, or more precisely to make people love planting trees.” — Jean Giono

Wangari Maathai, a woman from Kenya, began the “Green Belt Movement” in 1977. She, like Elzéard, had a love of planting trees. Thanks to her efforts, over 40 million trees have been planted! In 2005, Wangari became the first African woman to ever receive the Nobel Peace Prize, for the “Green Belt Movement.”

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The National Parks Service has protected our nation’s beautiful parks since 1916. For 100 years, with the help of volunteers and partners, they have safeguarded these special places and shared their stories with over 275 million visitors every year. “There is nothing so American as our national parks... The fundamental idea behind the parks is that the country belongs to the people, that it is in process of making for the enrichment of the lives of all of us.” — President Franklin D. Roosevelt
Kenya – where Wangari Maathai led the planting of millions of trees

The Grand Canyon – one of America’s most prized National Parks

Can you find the following places on this world map?

- **Austin, Texas** – where TreeFolks leads local efforts to teach families about tree planting
- **Scotland** – where our two performers originated the play you saw today
- **France** – where Elzéard planted 100 acorns a day until the land had been reforested

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2. ___________________________
3. ___________________________
4. ___________________________
5. ___________________________

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Use the key to help you identify and label the parts of a tree.

**cambium** a single layer of living cells in the trunk that is located between the sapwood and the inner bark

**canopy of leaves** the upper parts of the tree, where the branches and leaves are located

**heartwood** the core of the trunk, which contains very strong, dead tissue that supports the tree

**inner bark (phloem)** the layer of the trunk through which the tree’s food flows; it is located between the outer bark and the cambium; when this layer dies, it’s called cork

**outer bark** the protective outer layer of the trunk

**roots** structures that obtain food and water from the soil, store energy, and provide support for the plant

**sapwood** the layers of wood just outside the heartwood; each year a new layer of wood is formed creating an annual ring; sap (containing water and some nutrients) is transported in this layer; older, inner rings of sapwood eventually become heartwood

**branches** woody parts of the tree that grow from the trunk

**trunk** the main support of the tree
HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

Jean’s story of Elzéard Bouffier spans over 30 years of history and both World Wars. Learn more about the two wars and answer the questions.

World War I was centered in Europe and began on July 28th, 1914 and lasted until November 11th, 1918. It involved most of the nations of Europe along with Russia, the United States, the Middle East, and other regions. The war pitted the Central Powers—mainly Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey—against the Allies—mainly France, Great Britain, Russia, Italy, Japan, and the United States (from 1917). It ended with the defeat of the Central Powers. More than nine million combatants were killed, largely because of technological advances in firepower without corresponding advances in mobility.

World War II was under way by 1939 and ended in 1945. It involved a vast majority of the world’s nations forming two opposing military alliances: the Axis powers—Germany, Italy, and Japan—and the Allies—France, Great Britain, and the United States. Most countries placed their entire economic, industrial, and scientific capabilities at the service of the war effort. Marked by significant events involving the mass deaths of civilians, including the Holocaust, and the only use of nuclear weapons in warfare, it resulted in over 70 million fatalities. These deaths make the war the deadliest conflict in human history.

Which “Alliance” was France a part of during WWI and WWII?

Why did the politician, in the play, want to cut down the beautiful trees?

Why do you think Elzéard chose to plant trees during the wars?

THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY CHARACTER I EVER MET

Jean Giono was inspired to write The Man Who Planted Trees when he was asked to write a piece called: “The Most Extraordinary Character I Ever Met.”

Who is the most extraordinary character you have ever met? Write a story about a real person in your life who you think is EXTRAORDINARY. Or, take a cue from Jean Giono and create a story about someone who makes a difference in the world.
**TIP·TOP TREE POEMS**

A haiku is a three-line poem that originated in Japan. The first line has five syllables, the second has seven syllables, and the third line has five syllables. You can write the poem yourself or alternate writing lines with a friend!

Here's an example:

Oh my lovely trees (5 syllables)
you make great subjects for poems (7 syllables)
like the one below (5 syllables)

Write your own haiku about a tree.

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**SEEDS TO TREES**

For every ten seeds that Elzéard planted, only one tree would grow to survive.

If Elzéard planted 100 seeds a day for 7 days, how many trees would survive? ____

How many would survive if he continued to plant this way for an entire year? ____

70% of our Earth has been deforested. What percentage of our forests are left? ____

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**DESIGN A DOG**

Create a Dog puppet of your own!

**How To** Place a sock on your hand and mark with a pen where you would like the eyes. Take two buttons and glue them to the sock to make the eyes. Use a marker to draw the nose. Glue burlap to the sock’s head for fur. Cut out ears, arms, legs and a tail from felt and glue to the sock to finish the dog.

Now that you’ve finished, remember to name your puppet and describe him/her using 2 adjectives (words that describe).

**Materials**
- Old sock
- Buttons
- Markers
- Burlap
- Fabric glue
- Scissors
- Felt

**Name** __________________________

**Adjectives**
1. __________________________
2. __________________________
3. __________________________
**The 6-Step Program to Properly Plant a Tree**

1. Prepare planting area by turning soil in an area 3 to 5 times the size of the root ball.
2. Dig a hole in the center of the area, so that the tree rests on solid soil.
3. Backfill and use water to settle the soil.
4. Mulch a 3-6” deep ring around the tree, being careful not to pile mulch near the trunk.
5. Water every week and watch for signs of insects or disease.
6. Watch your tree grow from a seed, to a sprout, to a sapling, to a mature tree!
Welcome to the Paramount Theatre

The Paramount Theatre was built 101 years ago in 1915. Very few places in Austin can make this claim! Austin is growing, but back then, Congress Avenue was a dirt road and the automobile was a new invention. As one of the first examples of early theatre architecture, the Paramount is an important venue that helps make Austin very special. When you visit the theatre, you enter a place that feels exciting and welcoming. From your seat, you can almost reach out and touch the performers on stage! Many famous people have performed at the Paramount. From magician Harry Houdini to the premier of the original Batman movie, the Paramount and its audiences have seen it all over the past 100 years…here’s to the next century!

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