

An Unexpected Path



Supplemental Activity Packet

This packet contains classroom activity suggestions and worksheets to reinforce concepts from the Playbook® story and to go beyond the story into the content areas of Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Art, Health, etc., as well as Character Development.

Activities range in age appropriateness and skill level so that teachers can choose activities that best suit their particular students. An Answer Key is provided on the last page.

Name _____

Making Things....



In *An Unexpected Path*, Namid's sister, Abequa, finds out that her place is to make jewelry. She is creative and can give beautiful art to her people. Design your own piece of jewelry, or an arrow or spear if you prefer. Draw what it would look like in the box below, and then explain why you made it look the way you did.

A large empty rectangular box with a blue border, intended for drawing a piece of jewelry or a spear/arrow.A rectangular box with a blue border containing five horizontal lines for writing an explanation.

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Name _____

Story Board



Directions: Create a story board outlining the key events that took place in the story. On the lines provided, explain what you drew and why you think that it is significant.

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Spotting the Mistakes



Directions: Read the sentences from *An Unexpected Path* below and find the misspelled word in each one. Some of the misspelled words are **homophones** of the correct word. This means they are words that are pronounced the same but have different meanings. Cross out the words that are spelled wrong and write the correct spelling below it.

1. "She would likely be spending most of her time weaving baskets ... or cooking. She had no patients for those things."
2. "You are so different from the other girls and woman."
3. "Namid walked slowly through the vilage to the unusually large wigwam in the center."
4. "You are too old to be pleying in trees. You will be a woman after this spring."
5. "I know. I am wurried about that, too."
6. "What coud she do? She cannot change what she sees."
7. "The girl's father was not cold harted, but he was very concerned about his daughter' s future."
8. "Now I am reddy to see the Wise Woman."
9. "This boe and arrow is for you to try. I believe you are meant to be a hunter!"
10. "Namid's sister did not hide her disbeleif that a woman could ever hunt."

What Does That Mean?



Directions: Choose the correct definition for each of the following words below. Write the letters in the spaces provided.

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|---------------------|---|
| 1) _____ wigwam | |
| 2) _____ destiny | A) to be very afraid of something |
| 3) _____ dread | B) to separate from |
| 4) _____ expedition | C) plain and clear; easy to see |
| 5) _____ schedule | D) not like any other |
| 6) _____ dwelling | E) something that will happen and is supposed to happen |
| 7) _____ evident | F) a plan of events |
| 8) _____ detach | G) quickly |
| 9) _____ briskly | H) a type of Native American house of a rounded shape |
| 10) _____ elongated | I) a journey or adventure |
| 11) _____ unwise | J) a place to live in; a house |
| 12) _____ unique | K) foolish |
| | L) long and thin in shape |

Name _____



Runaway Math

Solve the runaway math puzzle by filling in the missing pieces to the equations. Equations are formed horizontally from left to right and vertically from top to bottom.

Use the following missing pieces to complete the runaway math puzzle.

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Herbs That Heal



Historically, Native Americans have depended on the land to survive. In fact, almost every aspect of their lives related to their environment. Using animals and herbs, they made their own homes, food, medicine, and clothing. Some of the herbs the Indians used as medicine are still used by some people today.

Below are some common ailments treated in some uncommon ways.

Asthma

Skunk Cabbage was used by the Dakota and Winnebago tribes to relieve asthma.

Backache

The Catawba tribe treated back pain by drinking a tea made with **Arnica Root**.

Bronchitis

Creosote Bush leaves were used in a tea to cure bronchial and other respiratory problems.

Burns and Skin Sores

The Kiowa Indians boiled **yellow-spined thistle blossoms** and saved the liquid to treat burns and skin sores.

Coughs

The inner bark of **white pine** was used by Indian people in a tea for coughs and colds.

Headaches

The Onondagas steeped **pennyroyal leaves** and drank this tea to cure headaches.

Take-Home Activity: Using the Internet at home or at your school's library, research the methods Native Americans used to treat the sick and injured. You may include information about herbal medicines like the ones described above, as well as spiritual healing. You may focus on a single Native American tribe or research a variety of groups. Write a 1 page essay on a separate sheet of paper explaining what you have discovered.

What Do You See?



In *An Unexpected Path*, people see Namid in two different ways. First they see her as out of place and not fitting in, but when they learn her destiny they see her as special and unique. The pictures below are called **optical illusions**. Our eyes can see two different things represented by them. What do you see when you look at the following images?

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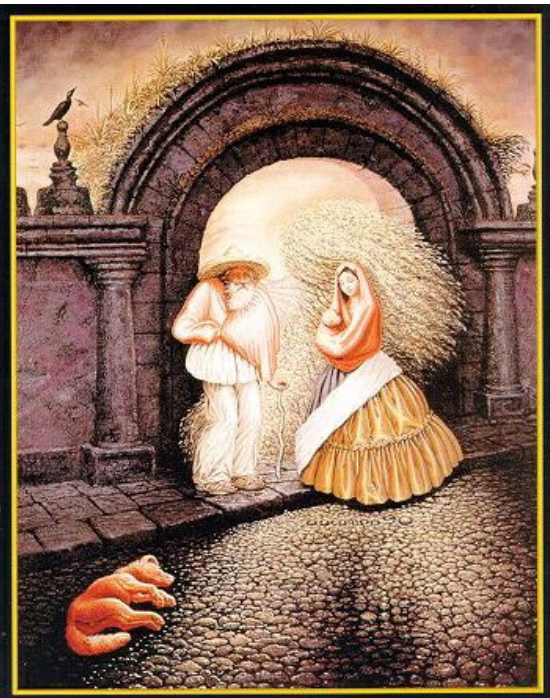


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2. _____

3. _____

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For more optical illusions and other fun brainteasers, visit the website:

www.funology.com



Let's Discover More!

A peek at Native American History....

The earliest ancestors of North America were known as Paleo-Indians, sometimes referred to as the Clovis People. They lived in the southern United States between 10,000 and 40,000 years ago, but left very few records about their lives. We have learned that they camped wherever there were animals to hunt and either lived in caves or used the animal skins to make crude shelters. They invented spears with stone points. The Paleo-Indians are one of over 561 different Native American tribes that have lived in North America.

An interesting fact about Native American mythology.....

One form of Native American mythology was based on the most visible of the heavenly bodies, the sun and moon. Some cultures considered them the eyes of a Supreme Being. Myths of human descent from a sun god were known among North American Indian tribes, including the Arapaho and Blackfeet. There are also many tales of animals or people playing the part of the sun or moon. In one story, the moon is stolen, and Yellow Fox must take its place and become the new moon.

Roles of Native American Women

While most American Indian groups did not allow women to perform traditionally male roles like hunting and fighting in war, some tribes did and even encouraged it! The Ojibwe tribe highly respected women hunters and spiritual leaders even though their existence was very rare. The Lakota tribe encouraged ALL women to learn to hunt and fight in case they would need to one day when the men were away from the village. The Iroquois tribes also had somewhat unusual gender roles. They had a male leader and a female leader who ruled and took care of the community together, and women were very important in their villages. People traced their ancestry through their mothers and grandmothers, and when couples married, the man became part of the woman's family and moved into her family's house. Namid's tale in *An Unexpected Path* was inspired by the histories of these Native American peoples.

Many different Indian tribes have existed in American history.

To find a list of US Indian tribes listed geographically, visit the website:

www.hanksville.org/sand/contacts/tribal/states

Assignment: Research an Indian tribe of your choice. On a separate piece of paper, write a one page summary describing the tribe. Include information such as geographical settling habits, rituals, hunting tools and techniques, diet, and any mythical beliefs. If the tribe had a famous leader, describe that person's achievements.

