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# The Shark

1. List three ways a shark differs from a fish.

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2. Why is the shark called the "perfect hunter"?

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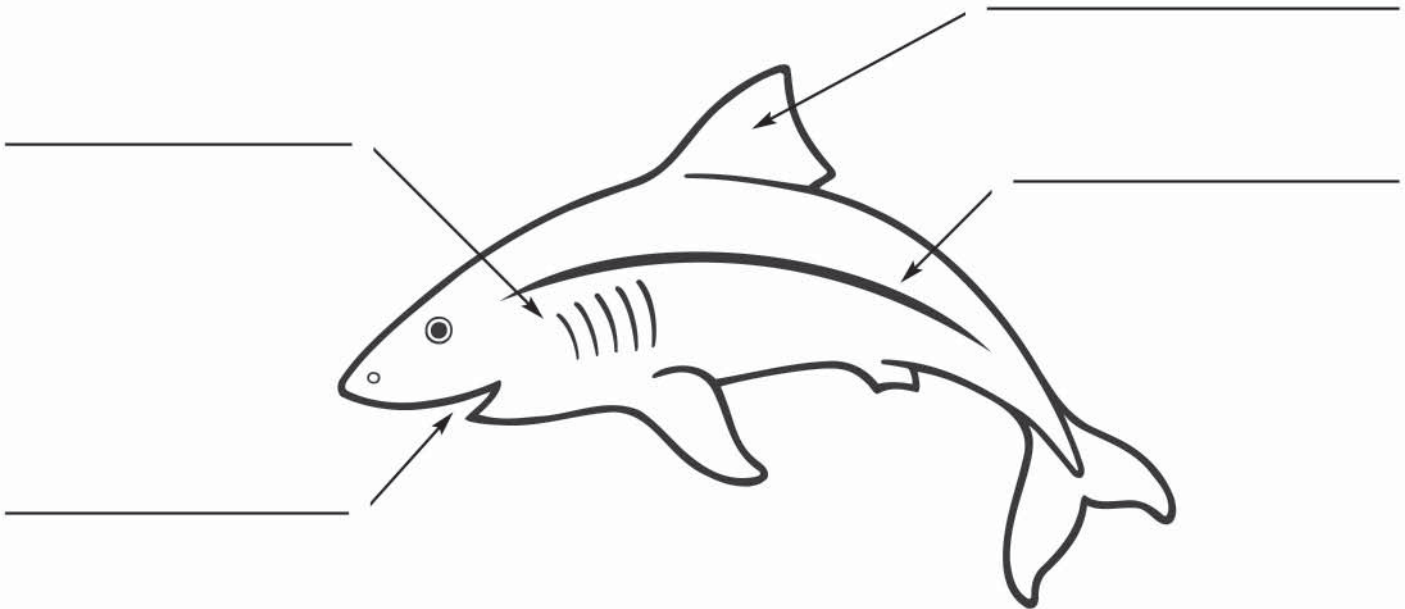
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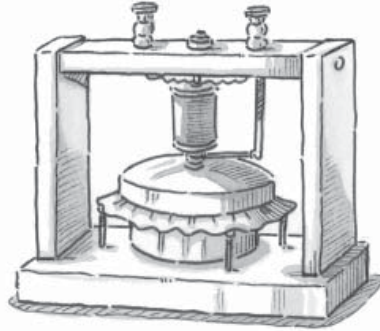
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3. Label the shark by using the words in the box.

jaws	dorsal fin	gills	lateral line
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# The Inventor of the Telephone



1. How did Bell's family influence his interest in communicating?

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2. Why do you think Bell did poorly in some subjects in school?

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3. How did Bell's grandfather make him interested in improving himself?

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4. Bell went to Boston, Massachusetts to teach at a school for the deaf. How did this turn out to be a good move?

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5. When Bell was working on transmitting sounds, what weakness did he have that made his work slow and difficult? How did he solve this problem?

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6. Was Bell the only person at that time working on inventing the telephone? Explain.

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7. How did Bell's life turn out? What kind of person would you say Bell was?

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8. How was Bell honored when he passed away?

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# The Boy Who Thought Friends Had to Be Bought



1. Why do you think Dilbert's mother and father gave him whatever he wanted?

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2. How did having everything he wanted turn out to be a problem for Dilbert?

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3. When did Dilbert first have a problem at school?

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4. What happened after Dilbert gave a bribe to his classmates?

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5. What happened to solve Dilbert's problem?

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6. What lesson did Dilbert learn?

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# The Statue of Liberty



1. How did the idea of the Statue of Liberty come about?

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2. Who built the Statue of Liberty? How did the builder design the face of the statue?

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3. What was the problem with constructing the actual full-scale model of the Statue of Liberty?

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4. How was the statue sent to the United States?

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5. What was the problem when the statue first arrived in the United States?

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6. Why do you think the Statue of Liberty is important?

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# The City of Troy

1. Do we now believe that the city of Troy existed? How do we know? Was it ever discovered?

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2. What were the people who lived in Troy called?

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3. How many times was Troy rebuilt? How do we know?

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4. What was the importance of the Trojan horse?

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# The Hawk

1. Discuss how the hawk is built for hunting.

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2. Where is the one place in the world where you will not find hawks?

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3. Name and describe the most common hawk in the United States.

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4. How long does it take for a baby hawk to grow up?

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# Valley Forge

1. Who is this article about?

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2. What is a volunteer? What was the problem with the members of the Continental Army?

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3. Why did General Washington choose Valley Forge to camp?

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4. Describe the hardships at Valley Forge.

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5. How long were the troops at Valley Forge before things began to get better? How did they get better?

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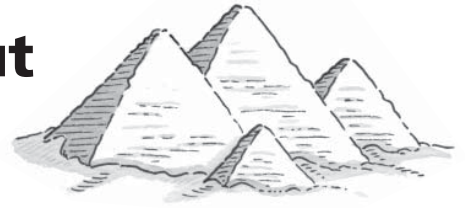
6. The Continental Army did finally claim victory over the British. What happened to General George Washington?

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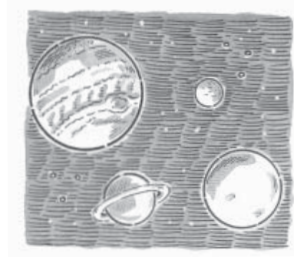


# The Tomb of King Tut



1. When and where did Howard Carter make his discovery?  
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2. How do you think he felt at the beginning of the seventh try to find King Tut's tomb?  
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3. When Howard reached the door at the end of the tunnel, what did he find?  
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4. Who was George Herbert?  
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5. Who was King Tut?  
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6. Describe what was found when they opened the huge stone container holding King Tut's body.  
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7. Where are the artifacts found in King Tut's tomb now kept?  
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8. How long did it take Howard Carter to finish his work?  
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# The Voyager Spacecraft: Messages for Outer Space



1. What is the difference between a space probe and a spaceship?

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2. Discuss the goals of *Voyager 1* and *Voyager 2*.

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3. What did the space probes discover about Jupiter?

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4. What did the *Voyagers* find out about Saturn?

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5. Where are the *Voyagers* now?

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6. What messages do both space probes carry?

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7. If the *Voyagers* reach another planet, will we know what they discover?

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# A Tale of King Midas



1. How did King Midas happen to meet Silenius?

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2. What did Dionysus say when he appeared to thank King Midas for taking such good care of Silenius?

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3. Why did King Midas wish for gold?

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4. When did King Midas first discover his wish had caused a problem?

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5. How was the wish broken?

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6. How did the king's life change?

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7. What does it mean today if someone is described as having "the Midas touch"?

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