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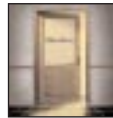
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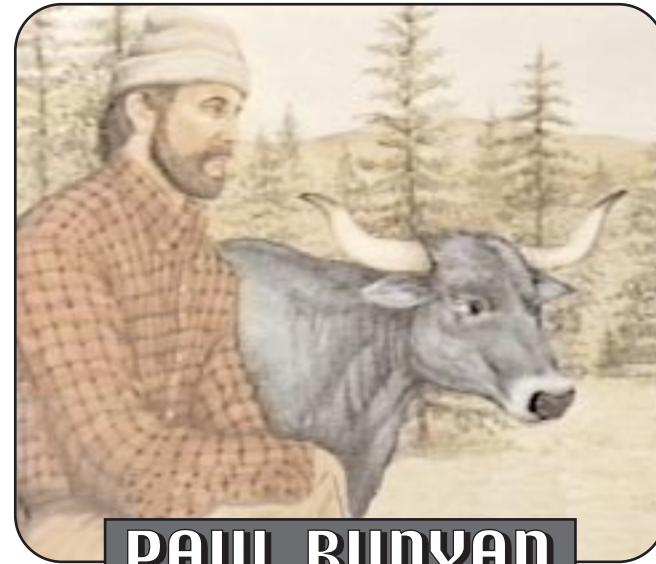
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PAUL BUNYAN

INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE

INTRODUCTION TO SERIES

The purpose of this video series is to acquaint young children to learn about these bigger than life legends when our narrator, Miss Michelle, shares her love of the stories and books she has found at the library. Each stimulating video program features a diverse audience of youngsters eager to learn more about these literary characters of the historical past.

As a complementary device with each video, an instructional guide suggests exercises to help aid teachers, parents and students. These interactive exercises will reinforce and further develop a child's level of comprehension about the importance of these literary characters.

The instructional guide provides:

Child-friendly exercises! ✓

Fun-to-do follow-up activities! ✓

Easy-to-learn reinforcement Q & A! ✓

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According to the legend of Paul Bunyan the following geographical formations were created by the Bunyan family. Write the number in the circle on the left hand corner of the picture to correctly match the name of the geographical formation with its picture.



1.) **GREAT SAND DUNES** - Created after Little Jean emptied his boots of sand from Utah.



2.) **BRYCE CANYON**- Created when Little Jean built sand castles in Utah.



3.) **MISSISSIPPI RIVER**- Created when water spilled from the tank Babe was carrying to North Dakota.



4.) **NIAGARA FALLS** - Created to wash the bears out of Tweeny's hair.

** You may want to explain to the children these geological formations were ONLY created according to legend not reality**

Exercise #4:

Legends like “Paul Bunyan” are NOT real people. But they do inspire and represent some pearls of wisdom and truth. On the black line next to the each statement write an “R” to indicate the statement is based on REALITY or a “T” to indicate the statement is based on the TALL TALES/LEGEND of Paul Bunyan.

- _____ • Paul Bunyan is not a REAL person but he is based on a REAL person named Joe Mufraw.
- _____ • Babe the Blue Ox’s footprints created the many lakes in Minnesota and the Mississippi River.
- _____ • The Grand Canyon was made by Paul Bunyan dragging his ax while traveling west.
- _____ • The first stories of Paul Bunyan came from the Canadian Province of New Brunswick.
- _____ • The Bunyans created all the mountains, rivers, sand dunes, lakes and canyons in the United States.
- _____ • Paul Bunyan is a story passed down by word of mouth from lumberjack to lumberjack for about one hundred years before the first book about Paul was ever written.

Paul Bunyan

High above the north woods, with a shiny silver and bronze ax stead upon his broad shoulder, lives a TALL man who became one of America’s most famous frontiersman. Inspired by imagination and storytelling, Paul Bunyan along with his colorful companion, Babe the Blue Ox, could break log-jams with spectacular ease, recreate the geographical formations of rivers, lakes, and canyons, and like no other timber chopping lumberjack swiftly cut down trees with the swipe of an ax.

Stories about Paul Bunyan began to circulate during a time when the western frontier of America was rapidly expanding. Originally started by Canadian loggers who based their storytelling from an Irish-French Canadian logger named Joe Mufraw, these stories were later expanded upon which has given us the legendary Paul Bunyan we know today. As legend has it, early settlers who needed large amounts of timber to build houses and towns called upon the superman strength and quick calculating wit of Paul Bunyan. His unique ability to handle any logging job made him one of the most sought after lumberjacks ever to roam the American frontier.

Although Paul Bunyan is a fictional character based on a non-fictional Canadian logger his frontier spirit will challenge children to empower their own imaginations. Through imagination, children will be able to suspend disbelief and enter a world which captures infinite possibilities. It is within these possibilities that peoples dreams and legends are realized. The little boy who grows up to become a baseball player then hits the game winning home run to win the world series; or the little girl who grows up to become the first woman to fly into space or the first U.S. woman president. Life is what dreams are made of and imagination is what makes these dreams come true.

Program Objectives

After viewing the program, children should understand:

- what are legends and what traits “Paul Bunyan” represents.
- the stories, history & family of “Paul Bunyan” & Babe the Blue Ox.
- how “Paul Bunyan” became a famous frontier legend.
- the ingenuity “Paul Bunyan” used to solve problems.

VOCABULARY:

Babe the Blue Ox: Paul Bunyan's backwoods companion.

Carrie McIntie: The wife of Paul Bunyan.

Joe Mufraw: An Irish-French Canadian logger who became the inspiration for the original stories about Paul Bunyan.

Legend: A story coming down from the past regarded as historical and widely believed but can not be proved to be true.

Little Jean: The large son of Paul Bunyan and Carrie McIntie.

Log Jam: A pile of logs which are trapped or jammed together while flowing down a river.

Lumberjack: a person who cuts trees or clears land for lumber.

Mammoth Cave: The place where Paul Bunyan and Carrie McIntie supposedly married.

Paul Bunyan: A fictional character that represents the early North American loggers who helped expand the western frontier.

Tall Tale: Generally accepted as unbelievable details about a story or an imaginary event.

Teeny: The gigantic daughter of Paul Bunyan and Carrie McIntie.

Yankee Ingenuity: Clever, smart, inventive, creative approach at solving problems i.e. Paul Bunyan using Babe's tail as a propeller to break a log jam.

Reinforcement Q&A:

Review the video to answer the following questions:

- 1) Was Paul Bunyan a REAL person?**
- 2) Where did the first stories about Paul Bunyan originate?**
- 3) Who became Paul Bunyan's backwoods companion and helped him in the logging business?**
- 4) How did Paul Bunyan clear the log jam?**
- 5) Where did Paul Bunyan and Carrie McIntie supposedly marry?**

- (1) No, but he was based on an Irish-French Canadian logger named Joe Mufraw.
- (2) New Brunswick Canada.
- (3) Babe the Blue Ox
- (4) By using Babe the Blue Ox's tail as a propeller.
- (5) Mammoth Cave

Follow-Up Activities:

1) The legend of Paul Bunyan has been illustrated slightly different among various authors. Discuss some of the similarities and differences among these various authors. Also explain to the children the difference between fictional and non-fictional characters, legends and tall tales.

2) Paul Bunyan was an extraordinary lumberjack. If possible visit a historical museum, state park or lumberjack festival to experience the life of a lumberjack. Read Books.

3) Have the children illuminate their own imaginations by creating a legend. Like the history of Paul Bunyan have the children's legend be started by word of mouth. Assign a child or two to start the legend. Perhaps like Paul Bunyan it can be based on a real person. Then as the legend is told from child to child encourage the children to use their imaginations to expand on the original legend. After the legend has been told to ALL the children discuss how the original legend changed as it was told from the first child to the last child.

4) After the class has created the oral tradition of a legend via activity #3 have them document the legend in the form of a book. By completing activities #3 & #4 the children like the early Canadian and American loggers have become imaginary storytellers with special hopes and dreams.

Exercise #1:

Have the students study the vocabulary list on page 2. Then write the number of the vocabulary word on the solid black line next to its definition.

Vocabulary List:

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|----------------|---------------------|
| 1) Legend | 3) Lumberjack |
| 2) Paul Bunyan | 4) Babe the Blue Ox |

_____ *Paul Bunyan's backwoods companion.*

_____ *A story coming down from the past.*

_____ *A fictional character that represents the early North American loggers.*

_____ *A person who cuts trees & clears land for lumber.*

Exercise #2:

Help the children study the map to learn more about the area where the first stories about Paul Bunyan were told by early Canadian and American loggers.



NEW BRUNSWICK (Gray Area):

This Canadian region is where the first stories about Paul Bunyan had been told by Canadian loggers. Inspired by an Irish French Canadian named Joe Mufraw, Paul Bunyan stories were passed down by word of mouth from lumberjack to lumberjack.

MAINE (White Outlined Area):

This area is where American loggers expanded upon the Paul Bunyan stories told by Canadian loggers. The stories told by American loggers from this region have developed into the legendary Paul Bunyan we know today. Maine is also the area where the first stories about Babe the Blue Ox were told.