

Literacy Homework



Nights of the Pufflings



Halla (HATT-lah) lives on an island in Iceland. One day she stands on a high cliff by the sea. She sees a bird with an orange beak. It is a puffin! Soon there are many puffins in the sky. The puffins come ashore to the island once a year. They lay eggs in burrows in the cliffs. Then they raise baby pufflings. The pufflings hide in the safe burrows. Their parents bring them fish. The pufflings grow bigger. They leave the burrows for the first time. They try to launch themselves off the cliffs and into the sea. But the pufflings have a problem. They are not good at flying yet. Many land in Halla's village, not the sea. Then they are lost. They cannot find the sea. There are cats, dogs, and cars in the village. It is not a safe place for the little pufflings. So the children of the island help them! Halla and her friends look for lost pufflings in the village. They catch them and put them in boxes. Then they take the boxes to the sea and set the pufflings free. Now they are safe! Halla tells the pufflings good-bye and good luck!

Fluency & Comprehension - Please answer each question in complete sentences.

1) Complete five 1 minute reads, and record your words per minute score.

Read #1: _____ Read #2: _____ Read #3: _____ Read #4: _____ Read #5: _____

2) What country does Halla live in?

3) How often do the puffins come on shore?

4) What dangers do the baby pufflings face?

5) What do Halla and her friends do to help the pufflings?

Comprehension Common Questions

Name _____

1) What **genre** is this passage?

Fiction or
Non-Fiction?

Traditional Literature Realistic Fiction Science Fiction Historical Fiction Informational Biography Poetry Mystery Fantasy Folktale

2) What **point of view** is this passage?

First Person

Second Person

Third Person

(The author says "I" a lot)

(The author says "you" a lot)

(The author says "he, she or they" a lot)

3) What was the **author's purpose** for writing this passage?

Inform (Facts)

Persuade (To change your mind)

Entertain (Fun)

Explain (How to...)

4) What is the **setting** of this passage? Where does it take place?

5) Write a *complete sentence* stating the **main idea** or topic of this passage.

6) If possible, list a **main character**. List *one word* that could describe that character.

Character:

Adjectives:

7) If possible, list one **contraction** (ex: I am = I'm) and one **compound** word (ex: back + pack = backpack).

Contraction:

Compound:

8) If possible, list one **two-syllable** word, and one **three-syllable** word.

Two-syllable:

Three-syllable:

9) What **event** happened first in this passage?

10) What **event** happened last in this passage?
