

# Circle C Beginnings Activity Pages

## Content

The Circle C Beginnings books and activities guide can be used as a reading curriculum. The activities cover a wide range of historical and language arts-related topics:

- ⇒ Vocabulary and reading comprehension
- ⇒ Geography and map skills
- ⇒ Historical topics related to the 1870s: ranching, cowboys, one-room schoolhouses, 1874 school rules, dime novels, the Yokut Indians, steam trains, state fairs, the U.S. flag, McGuffey readers, “Jesus Love Me” song origin, “America” song, the Presidio fort in San Francisco, a Victorian Christmas
- ⇒ Math and science: egg math, tallying, Venn diagram, creek animals, blue-belly lizards, horse measuring, horse colors, pet care, steam engines
- ⇒ Language arts: write or narrate, Old West idioms, create a dime novel
- ⇒ Character and Bible: character ribbons, character traits, Bible verses
- ⇒ Crafts and “just for fun”: sugar cookies, weave a placemat, mazes, dot-to-dots
- ⇒ Answer key for all six books

## Pacing the Activities

Each book takes about 16 days to complete.

The (optional) Circle C Beginnings lapbook activities stretch that to about 24 days per book. It is available in Ebook (\$18) or Print (\$36) at [www.AndiandTaffy.com](http://www.AndiandTaffy.com) and covers all six books with unique learning activities not covered in these activity pages.

Assignments are scheduled by day rather than by week, so you can use either a four-day or a five-day school week.

The books are chronological, but they are also stand-alone stories and need not be read in order. (You can read *Andi's Circle C Christmas* during the holidays, for instance.)

**Note:** You have permission to copy as many pages from this study guide as you desire for your home or classroom. Not for resale.

Enjoy the adventure!

*Susan Marlow*





## Schedule for Book 2 : *Andi's Indian Summer*

\*indicates an optional activity found in the *Andi's Indian Summer* lapbook.  
 (Lapbook activities **can be skipped** or purchased at [AndiandTaffy.com](http://AndiandTaffy.com))

<i>Andi's Indian Summer</i>	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Book	"New Words" & Chapter 1	_____	Chapter 2	_____
Activities	Page 25 #1-3	* Lapbook activity "New Words"	Page 25 #4-7	* Lapbook activity Chapters 1-2
<i>Andi's Indian Summer</i>	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
Book	Chapter 3	_____	_____	Chapter 4
Activities	Page 25 #8-10	Pages 26-27	Pages 28-29	Page 30 #1-3
<i>Andi's Indian Summer</i>	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12
Book	_____	Chapter 5	Chapter 6	_____
Activities	* Lapbook activity Chapters 3-4	Page 30 #4-6	Page 30 #7-10	* Lapbook activity Chapters 5-6
<i>Andi's Indian Summer</i>	Day 13	Day 14	Day 15	Day 16
Book	_____	_____	Chapter 7	Chapter 8
Activities	Pages 31-32	Pages 33-35	Page 37 #1-2	Page 37 #3-4
<i>Andi's Indian Summer</i>	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20
Book	_____	Chapter 9	Chapter 10	_____
Activities	* Lapbook activity Chapters 7-8	Page 37 #5-7	Page 37 #8-10	* Lapbook activity Chapters 9-10
<i>Andi's Indian Summer</i>	Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24
Book	_____	_____	A Peek into the Past	_____
Activities	Pages 38-39	Pages 40-41	Page 43	* Lapbook activity Favorite Part

# Andi's Indian Summer Chapters 1-3

Read the chapters and answer the questions:

## Chapter 1

1. What is Andi doing when Riley runs up to show her something?
  - A. riding Coco
  - B. training Taffy
  - C. collecting eggs
2. YES or NO (circle one). Andi knows how to read.
3. A dime novel costs \_\_\_\_\_ cents.

## Chapter 2

4. What is the name of Riley's dime novel?
  - A. *The Outlaw Ranger*
  - B. *Pirates of the High Seas*
  - C. *The Indian Captive*
5. YES or NO (circle one). Riley is a good reader.
6. Where does Riley read Andi the dime novel?
  - A. in the barn
  - B. in the tree house
  - C. on the porch
7. When Riley stops reading, what does Andi say to him?
  - A. "I'm scared!"
  - B. "Keep reading!"
  - C. "I have to go eat lunch."



## Chapter 3

8. Who pulled Andi's braid at lunchtime? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What did Andi spill on her sister Melinda's lap? \_\_\_\_\_
10. YES or NO (circle one). Andi starts getting scared of the Indian story.

## New Words for Chapters 1-3

Word Match- Draw a line between the words and what they mean. If you need help, look at the New Words list on page 7 in *Indian Summer*.

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|-----------|---|
| jim-dandy | • the place in the barn where hay is kept                             |
| captive   | • a grassy field for horses and cows                                  |
| hayloft   | • very good; great  |
| novel     | • a person who is kept in a place where he or she does not want to be |
| pasture   | • the men who work on a ranch   |
| cowboys   | • a long story; a book  |

### More Fun with New Words

Use the words from the word box and the clues to fill in the missing words in these sentences from chapters 1-3.

1. Andi dropped Taffy's lead rope and \_\_\_\_\_. (caught her breath)
2. "Ow!" Andi \_\_\_\_\_. (yelled; shouted)
3. She picked up a kitten and \_\_\_\_\_ down in the dry, golden hay. (dropped)
4. Andi didn't know why Indians would want to \_\_\_\_\_ somebody and take them far away. (take; grab)

#### Word Box

hollered    gasped    capture    plopped

## Dime Novels



There were no movies, TV, or the Internet in 1874, when Andi lived. Most people lived simple lives, working hard at their jobs. They stayed home the rest of the time. No one had much time to play.

So, when a man named Mr. Beadle thought up the idea of dime novels, a lot of people bought them. The books told exciting stories about Indians, pirates, gold-seekers, and stagecoach robbers. Dime novels talked about strange, faraway places no one had ever heard of before. Best of all, they cost only

ten cents! The stories were mostly made-up, and that's what people liked. They could pretend they were having an adventure.

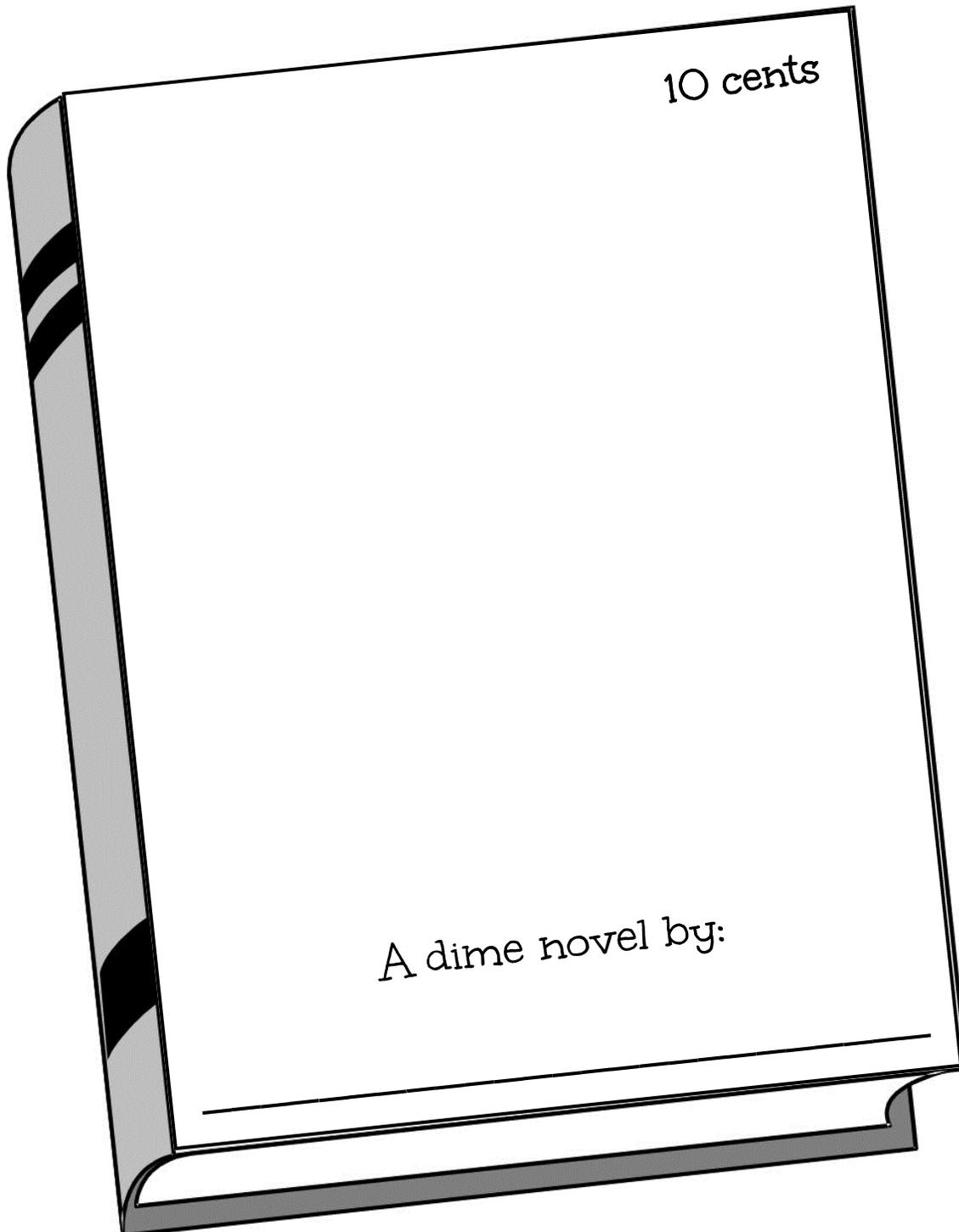
Many people liked to read dime novels. President Abraham Lincoln liked them too! So many people wanted to read the stories that thousands of dime novels were published. But teachers and some parents did not like them. They did not think children should read made-up stories. They thought the books put pictures into young people's heads that should not be there. Andi found out that she should be careful what she sees and hears.

## Write Your Own Dime Novel

Pretend you are living in 1874. What kind of dime novel would you like to read? On the next page, draw and color the cover for an adventure story. Don't forget to write the name of your story!

# My Dime Novel

- Make up a title for your dime novel.
- Write your own name as the author.
- Draw a picture on the cover.
- Write your story on the next page.
- You may narrate the story to your parent or older sibling, and they can write the words for you.





# Andi's Indian Summer Chapters 4-6

Read the chapters and answer the questions:

## Chapter 4

1. Who does Andi want to take with her on a ride? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Riley does chores for a man on the ranch named \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Andi is happy when Riley says she would make a good Indian captive.  
YES NO

## Chapter 5

4. What surprise does Andi get when they start riding?  
A. Taffy has grown bigger than Coco.  
B. Coco starts galloping.  
C. Snowflake runs after her.
5. Taffy obeys Coco when he whinnies at her. YES NO
6. Andi thinks she and Riley are going to the meadow to ride. But Riley has a better idea. He wants to go to the \_\_\_\_\_.

## Chapter 6

7. Circle the words from the story that show that Taffy is hot and tired:  
she lies down in the grass • her head hangs down  
she whinnies • her tail is droopy
8. YES or NO (circle one): Riley never found the creek, so they went home.
9. Who am I? I am big, green, wet, and the biggest one Andi has ever seen! Riley found me in the creek and hid me behind his back. Then he gave me to Andi. I am a \_\_\_\_\_
10. Where do the crackling noises come from?  
A. from lightning B. from Riley stepping on a branch C. from the bushes

## New Words for Chapters 4-6

Turn back to page 7 in *Indian Summer* and find the word that means a place “where the cowboys eat their meals.” \_\_\_\_\_

Circle what you think Cook fixed for the cowboys’ meals. Cross out what you don’t think they ate. (Four things should be crossed out.)

fresh beef	beans	hamburgers	ice cream
pancakes	potatoes	fried apples	eggs
tuna casserole	biscuits	cornbread	coffee
angel-food cake	bacon	doughnuts	pies



## More Fun with New Words

Circle the meaning of each underlined word in these sentences.

1. “I don’t think I like that dime novel,” Andi told Riley. “It’s disgusting.”

*Disgusting means . . .*    A. scary    B. sickening    C. old

2. Andi turned her back on Riley and stomped away.

*Stomped means . . .*    A. marched loudly    B. tiptoed quietly    C. ran quickly

3. “Come back, Taffy!” Andi’s heart thumped.

*Thumped means . . .*    A. slowed down    B. stopped    C. beat fast

4. “I’m *not* little,” Andi said in a huff.

*A huff is a . . .*    A. bad mood    B. scared gasp    C. a warning

5. “Sure I’m sure!” Riley said crossly.

*Crossly means . . .*    A. sadly    B. happily    C. impatiently

# Mystery Animal Dot-to-Dot

Who got away from Riley and Andi?

Follow the dot-to-dot puzzle from 1 to 60 to find out.

When you are finished, color the picture.

It is a \_\_\_\_\_.



# Creek Animals

Andi and Riley like to play in the creek. They find a frog and have fun with it. On another day, Riley and Andi find other animals like **insects** (bugs), **fish**, **reptiles** (with scaly skin), **amphibians** (smooth skin), and **mammals** (with fur or hair). Every time they find an animal, Riley writes it down.

Can you help put the animals they saw at the creek into their special animal groups? (on this page and the next page). You can also draw a picture if you know what the animal looks like. When you are finished, cut out the pages and staple them together to create a book. Color the cover "Creek Animals."

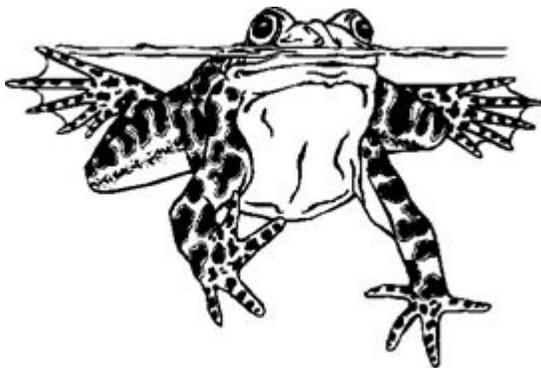
Use these animals to write in your "Creek Animals" book.

trout      frog      turtle      fox      beaver      fly

bobcat      salamander      snake      minnow

water bug      dragonfly      mosquito      bee      deer

## Creek Animals



## INSECTS



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# Creek Animals

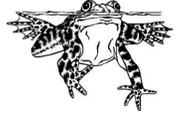
## REPTILES



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## AMPHIBIANS



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## MAMMALS



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## FISH



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# Andi's Indian Summer Chapters 7-10

Read the chapters and answer the questions:

## Chapter 7

1. Riley thinks the snapping and crackling noise in the bushes came from
  - A. a rabbit
  - B. a beaver
  - C. a skunk
  - D. all of these
2. Who really made the snapping and crackling noises?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Chapter 8

3. YES or NO. When the Indian boy took Midnight, Riley started to cry.
4. What is the grown-up Indian's name? \_\_\_\_\_

## Chapter 9

5. Andi and Riley have to do something they do not want to do. What is it?
  - A. Andi and Riley have to give the Indians their horses.
  - B. Andi and Riley have to spend the night with the Indians.
  - C. Andi and Riley have to walk home in the dark.
6. Circle the things Andi saw in the beautiful Yokut baskets.  
pine cones • beads • acorns • pebbles • berries • shells
7. The Yokut Indians used hot \_\_\_\_\_ to heat their mush.

## Chapter 10

8. YES or NO (circle one). Choo-nook is Andi's new friend.
9. Choo-nook gave Andi a \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Andi gave Choo-nook a \_\_\_\_\_.



## Word Puzzle Chapters 7-10

Use the clues to fill in the missing letters to the words in the puzzle.

### Clues:

**Y** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

~ Riley did this when the Indian boy took Midnight; another word for "shouted"

**O** \_ \_ \_

~ This word means "no" in Yokut.

**K** \_ \_ \_

~ The Yokuts were very \_\_\_\_\_ to Andi and Riley. They took care of them.

**U** \_ \_ \_ \_

~ The ranch boss, Sid, is Riley's \_\_\_\_\_.

**T** \_ \_ \_ \_

~ The name of Andi's foal is \_\_\_\_\_.

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### More Clues:

**I** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

~ This word means the opposite of outside.

**N** \_ \_ \_ \_

~ Riley read Andi a dime \_\_\_\_\_.

**D** \_ \_

~ This word means the opposite of night.

**I** \_ \_

~ A piece of \_\_\_\_\_ would have cooled Andi off during her hot ride.

**A** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

~ The mush Andi and Riley ate with the Yokuts was made from \_\_\_\_\_.

**N** \_ \_ \_

~ Acorns, pecans, and walnuts are different kinds of \_\_\_\_\_.

**S** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

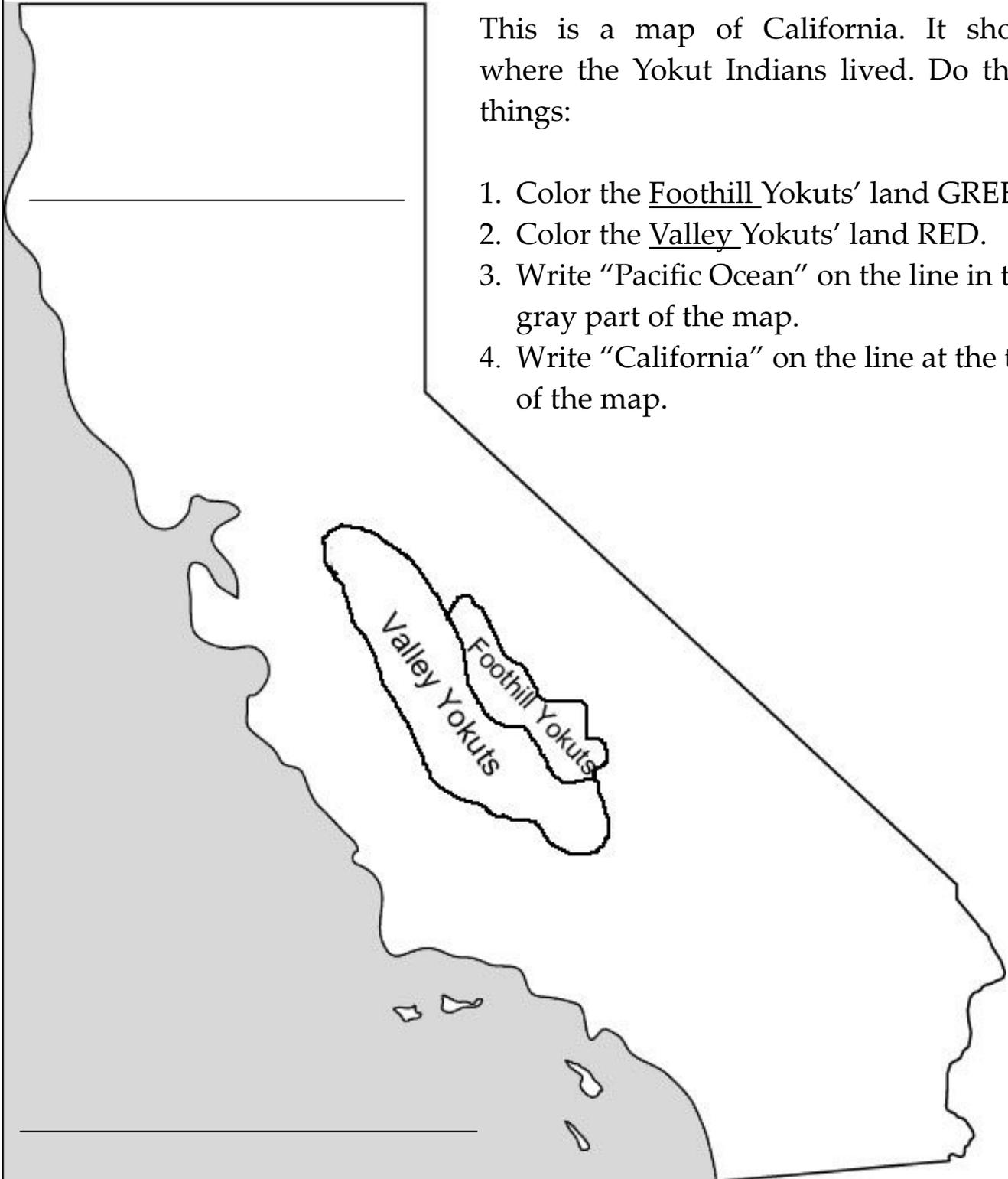
~ The four seasons are spring, \_\_\_\_\_, fall, and winter.

# Where Did the Yokuts Live?

The Yokut Indians lived in Central California (and still do). Some Yokuts lived in the valley. Others lived in the foothills, near the mountains. Andi and Riley met the Foothill Yokuts.

This is a map of California. It shows where the Yokut Indians lived. Do these things:

1. Color the Foothill Yokuts' land GREEN.
2. Color the Valley Yokuts' land RED.
3. Write "Pacific Ocean" on the line in the gray part of the map.
4. Write "California" on the line at the top of the map.



# Yokut Baskets



The Yokuts made beautiful baskets from the reeds that grew next to the rivers and lakes. They wove pretty designs in the baskets, which came in all sizes and shapes.

Yokut baskets were woven so tightly that they could hold water without leaking. But they could not put the baskets over the fire, or they would burn up. Instead, the Yokut women heated rocks in the fire. They used sticks to drop the hot rocks into baskets of water, deer stew, or acorn mush. The Yokuts made other baskets for baby cradles, for storing acorns and other items, and for playing games.

## Weave a Placemat

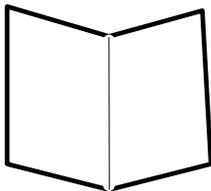
You can make a placemat using the same type of weaving the Yokuts used.

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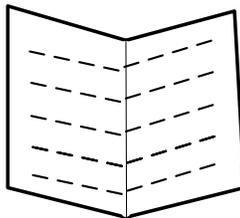
- One piece of colored construction paper for the background
- Colored paper for the strips
- Scissors and a glue stick

### Follow these steps:

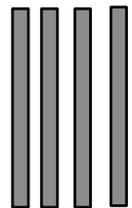
1. Choose one color for the background and fold it in half:



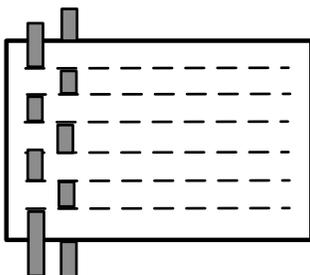
2. Cut slices in the paper so it looks like this:



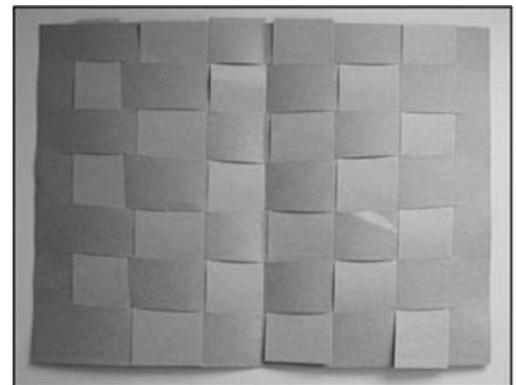
3. Cut narrow strips from the other colors:



4. Weave the colored strips in and out of the background paper :



5. Trim the ends of the strips (if needed) and glue them down.



# Alike and Different

Andi and her new friend Choo-nook are very different from each other. However, they are alike in some ways too. Cut out the words below. Paste the words that describe Andi in the "Andi" circle. Paste the words that describe Choo-nook in the "Choo-nook" circle. Paste the words that describe both girls (how they are alike) in the middle, where the circles meet.

eats acorn mush

wears overalls

eats soup and bread

likes to play

makes baskets

loves her family

wears a grass skirt

a white girl

an Indian girl

has her own horse

lives in a small hut

lives in a big house

CUTTING LINE

**Choo-nook**

**Andi**

**Both**



# Diligence

Doing my best to complete a task without giving up.

God wants us to do our best in everything we do. Colossians 3:23 says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord . . ."

Do you know what it means to be diligent for the Lord? Work the puzzle to find out.

<b>WORD BOX</b>									
OBEY									
WORK									
LAZY									
FINISH									
TRY									
TRUST									
GRATEFUL									
COMPLAIN									

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**ACROSS:**

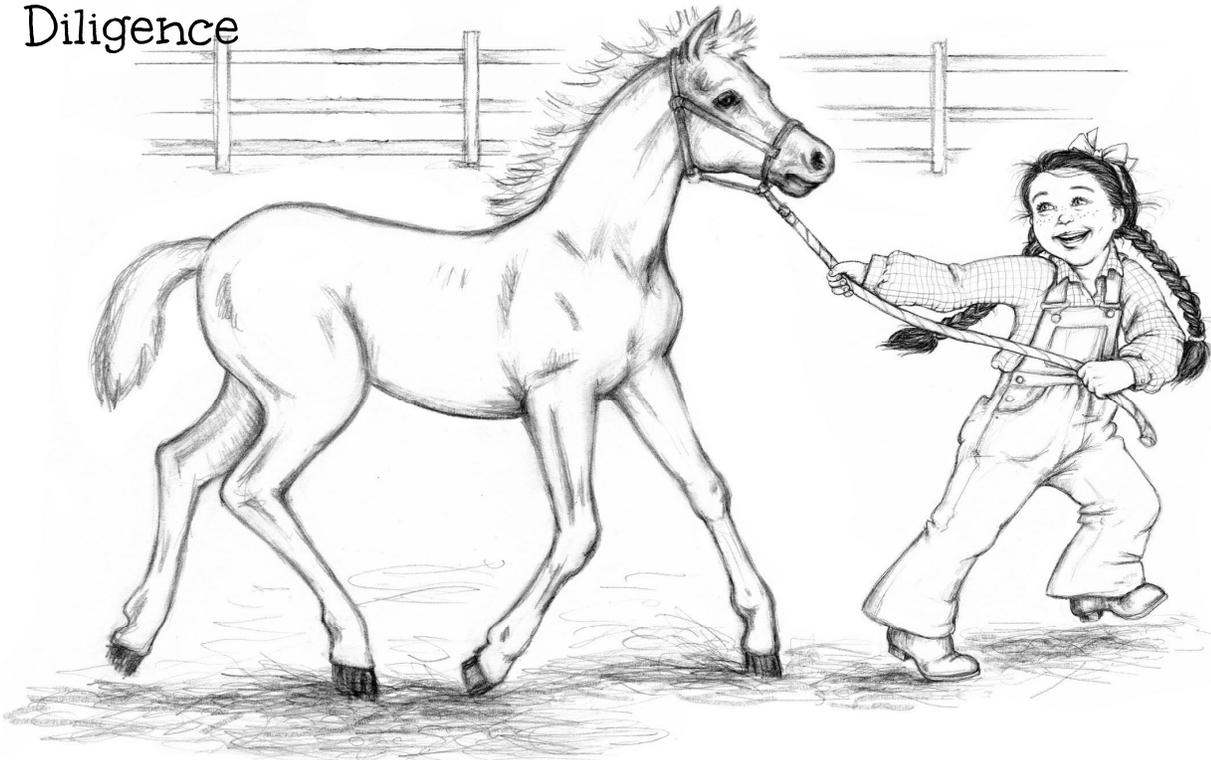
- 2. Diligent people WORK hard.
- 4. They always \_\_\_\_\_ to do their best.
- 5. They \_\_\_\_\_ what they start and do not give up.
- 6. They do not \_\_\_\_\_ about a difficult task.
- 8. Diligent people are not \_\_\_\_\_.

**DOWN:**

- 1. Diligent people are \_\_\_\_\_ for all God does for them.
- 3. They \_\_\_\_\_ God to help them when things get tough.
- 7. They \_\_\_\_\_ quickly and completely.

**COLOR THE PICTURE**

Diligence



Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart. Colossians 3:23

# Answers: 2- Andi's Indian Summer

## Page 25:

### Chapters 1-3

1. B
2. NO
3. ten
4. C
5. YES
6. A
7. B
8. Mitch
9. milk
10. YES

## Page 26: New Words Ch. 1-3

**jim-dandy**— very good; great  
**captive**— a person who is kept in a place where he or she does not want to be  
**hayloft**— the place in the barn where hay is kept  
**novel**— a book  
**pasture**— a grassy field for horses and cows  
**cowboys**— the men who work on a ranch

1. gasped
2. hollered
3. plopped
4. capture

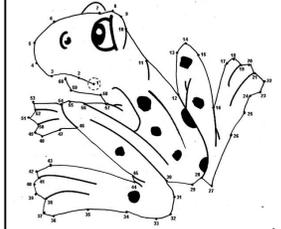
## Page 30: Chapters 4-6

1. Taffy
2. Cook
3. NO
4. B
5. YES
6. creek
7. Her head hangs down. Her tail is droopy.
8. NO
9. a frog
10. C

## Pages 32:

### Mystery animal:

FROG



## Page 31: New Words Chapters 4-6:

Cookhouse **Crossed out words:** hamburgers, ice cream, tuna casserole, angel-food cake

1. B
2. A
3. C
4. A
5. C

## Pages 33-35: Creek Animals

**FISH:** trout; minnow

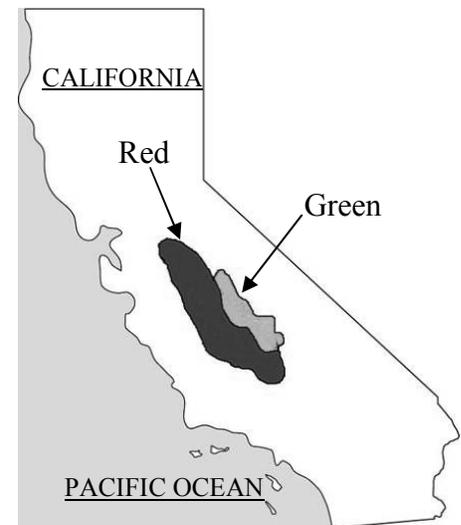
**INSECTS:** water bug; mosquito; fly; dragonfly; bee

**AMPHIBIANS:** frog; salamander

**REPTILES:** snake; turtle

**MAMMALS:** deer; fox; bobcat; beaver

## Page 39: Where Did the Yokuts Live?



## Page 37:

### Chapters 7-10

1. D
2. two Indian boys
3. NO
4. Lum-pa
5. B
6. beads; acorns; berries; shells
7. Rocks (stones)
8. YES
9. necklace
10. red ribbon (hair ribbon)

## Page 38: Word Puzzle

### Chapters 7-10

**Y e l l e d**

**O h ó m**

**K i n d**

**U n c l e**

**T a f f y**

**I n s i d e**

**N o v e l**

**D a y**

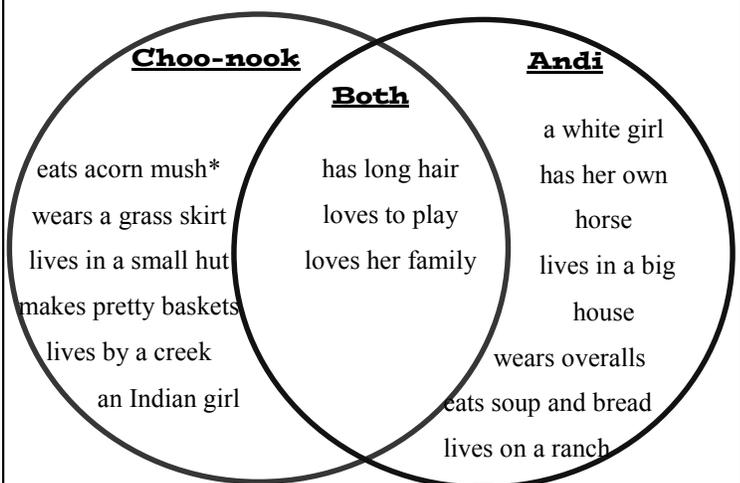
**I c e**

**A c o r n s**

**N u t s**

**S u m m e r**

## Page 41: Alike and Different



\* This could be "both" since Andi ate the mush too.

## Pages 43: Diligence

1. grateful
2. work
3. trust
4. try
5. finish
6. complain
7. obey
8. lazy