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Differentiated Passages



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Hearts of Faith

Long ago, a man named Patrick traveled the countryside. Everywhere he went he spread messages of faith and love. His childhood was a difficult one. He had been separated from his family as a boy and suffered through a life of hard work. During those challenging times, Patrick found strength in his own faith, and dreams showed him that he was meant to help others find this same faith.

Patrick made his way to Ireland and climbed a hillside to address the people. "My friends, your old ways no longer serve you. I vow to teach you so that you may come to know true faith. Be sincerely converted with your whole heart and find that all things are possible."


As he spoke, hordes of vile snakes slithered their way up the hillside and surrounded Patrick. Some circled around the people, as well. The snakes' eyes were full of hate, and their fangs dripped with deadly venom. They reared up, their bodies coiled. They were ready to strike.

But Patrick was not afraid.

He picked up a drum that had been resting at his feet. He raised his head heavenward and beat the drum with the end of his ash wood walking stick. The rhythmic thumping immediately mesmerized the snakes. They were firmly under Patrick's command.

The people looked on in awe as the snakes turned from Patrick. The snakes retreated from the people and streamed down the hillside like flowing rivers of scaled bodies. They undulated, wave-like, until they reached the sea. The snakes let the water swallow them.

Patrick kept up his drumming until every last snake in Ireland disappeared under the frothy waves and was carried away from the land.



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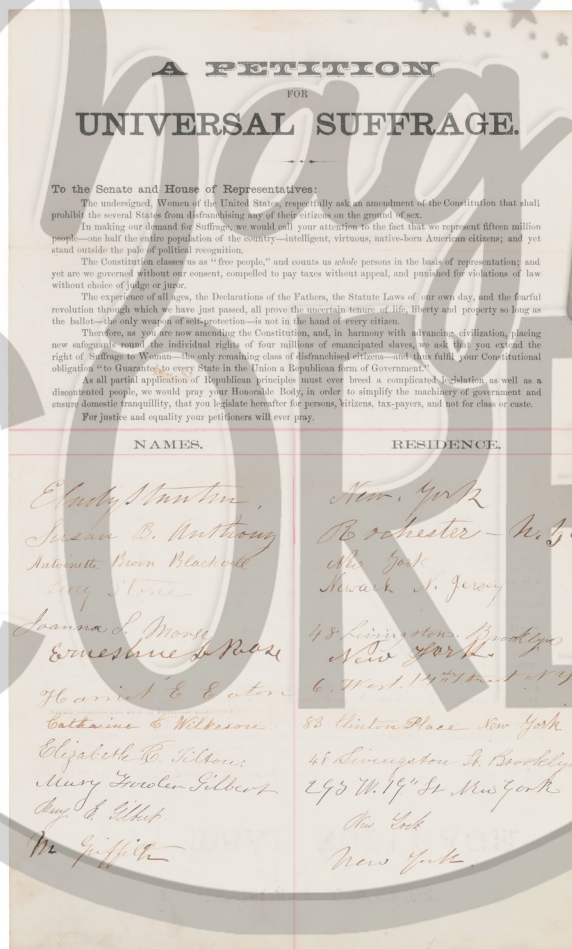


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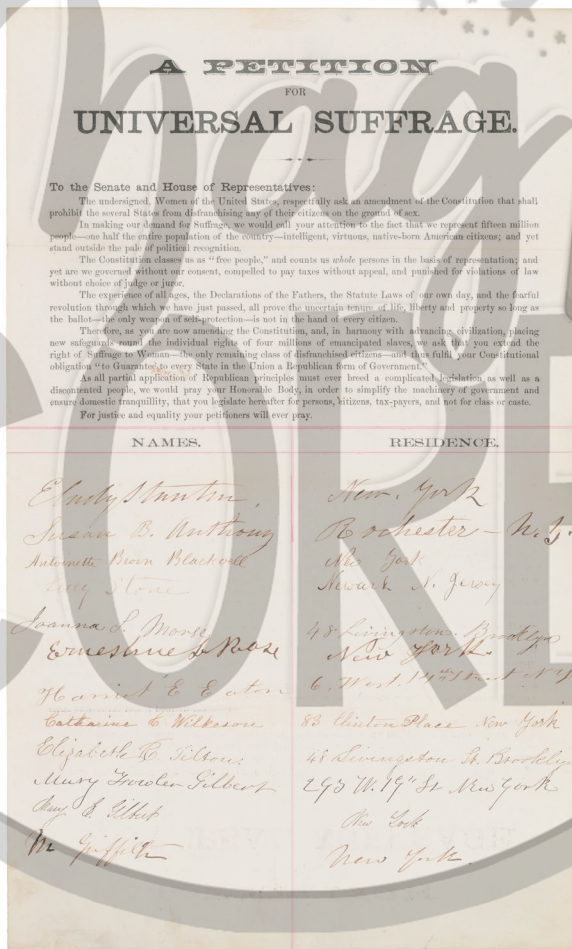


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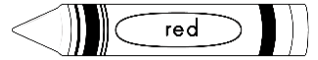




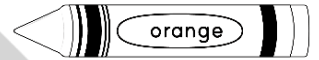
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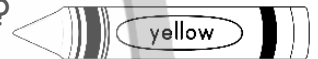
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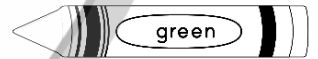
2. Why might people not like what Lucy Stone had to say?



3. What were some of Lucy Stone's contributions to civil rights from 1847-1870?

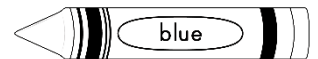


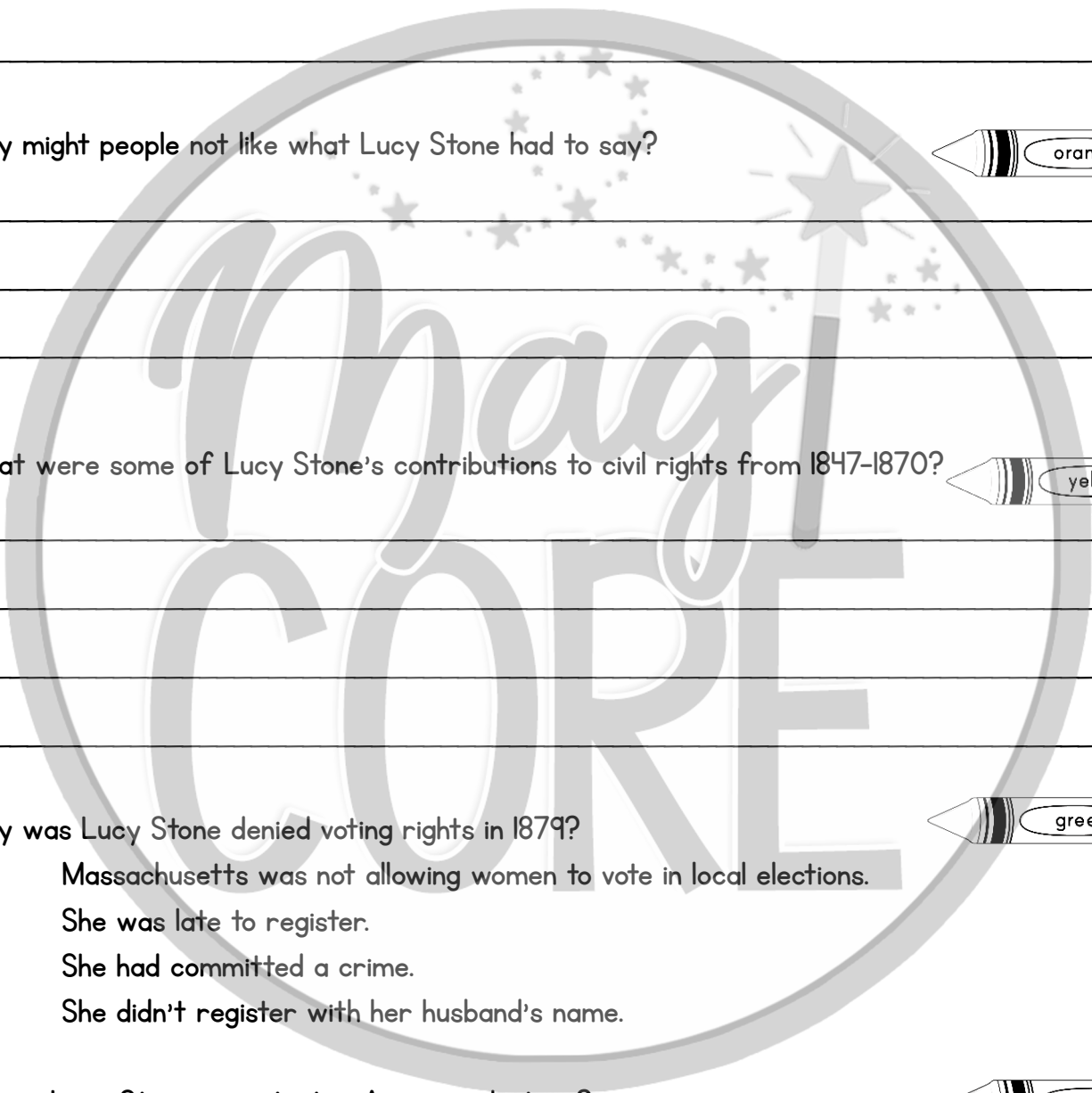
4. Why was Lucy Stone denied voting rights in 1879?



- a. Massachusetts was not allowing women to vote in local elections.
- b. She was late to register.
- c. She had committed a crime.
- d. She didn't register with her husband's name.

5. Why is Lucy Stone important in American history?







BIOGRAPHY MAPPING

Lucy Stone

WHERE

did this person live?

WHEN

did this person live?

WHAT

did this person do?

WHY

is this person important?

HOW

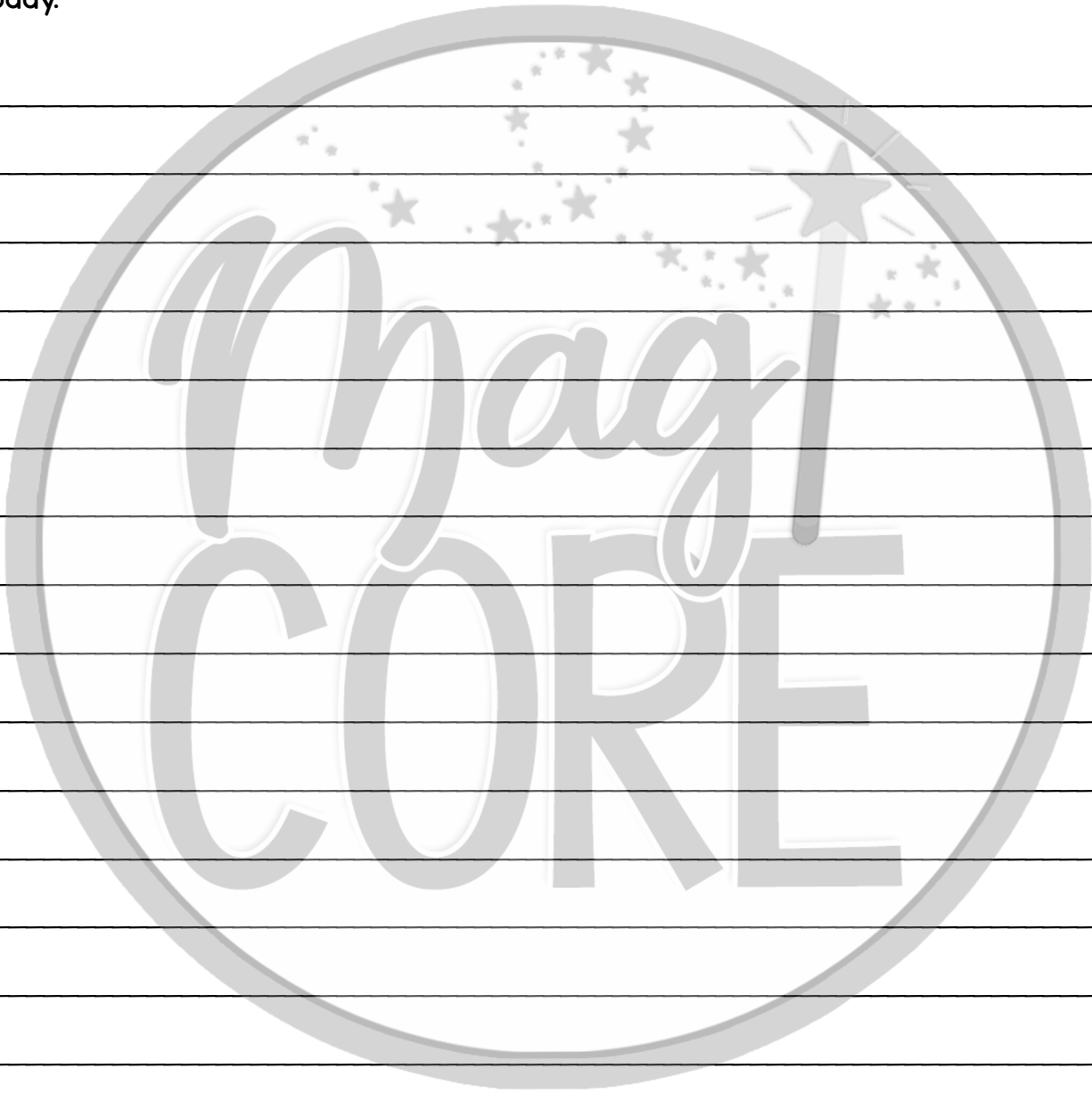
will this person be remembered?





LUCY STONE RESPONSE

Lucy Stone made many contributions to civil rights, specifically women's rights. Write a paragraph discussing the impact you feel Lucy Stone's work has on society and women's rights today.



A Patriotic Display

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"Why isn't every woman jumping at the chance to register?" Kathryn brushed some lint off the navy dress on display at the front of the rack. "It was not an easy battle to get the right to vote. Every single female in this country should be excited to vote. We get to help decide who our next president is."

Lucy nodded. "I figured all the women would be like us."

"You mean running to be the first to register?" Kathryn chuckled softly. "I nearly knocked over a stack of registration forms when I reached the table where people were registering us. That's how excited I was."

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The display included two female mannequins sitting behind a table strewn with papers that said *Voter Registration* on them in bold, black letters. On the other side of the table, three female mannequins stood in line as if waiting to sign up. All the mannequins were dressed in clothes and accessories from the store. Everything they wore was red, white, and blue in color. They stood tall, confident, and proud. They looked ready to make a difference in the country with their new voting rights. Along the bottom of the window, Lucy and Kathryn posted political advertisements for the presidential candidates. They also included additional information about each that would inform passersby.

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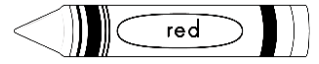




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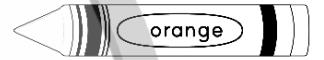
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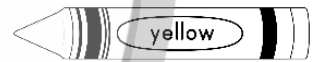


How did the characters work towards solving the problem?

2. How did Kathryn feel when she could finally register to vote? How do you know?

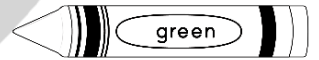


3. What does Lucy mean when she says, "I figured all women would be like us"?

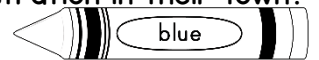


- a. She thought all women would be excited to vote like she and Kathryn are.
- b. She thought all women would be eager to work in a clothing store.
- c. She thought all women would want to enter into a family business.
- d. She thought all women would work with their best friends.

4. What made the characters feel victorious?



5. What tells you that Lucy and Kathryn's display had an impact on voter registration in their town?



HISTORICAL FICTION

A PATRIOTIC DISPLAY

What period in history did this story take place?

Who was the story about? What were the character's desires?

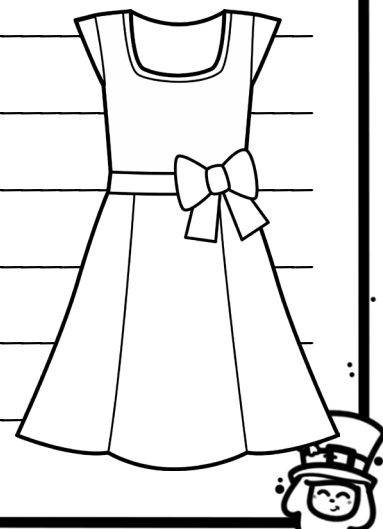
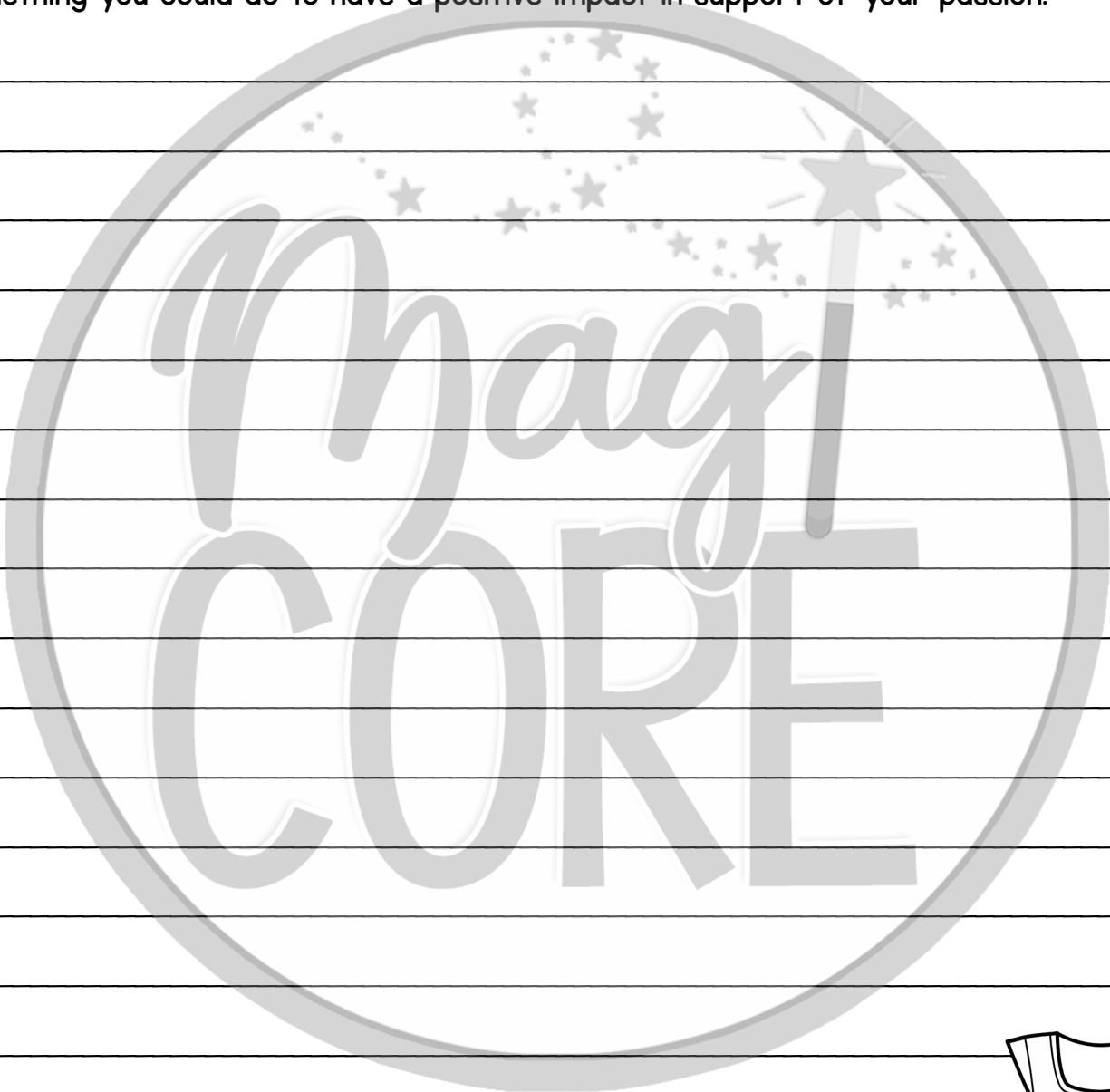
What was the primary event in the story? Describe it.

How did the primary event impact the conclusion of the story?
How did the characters react?



TO THE RESCUE RESPONSE

In the story, clearly, Lucy and Kathryn feel very passionate about women's voting rights. Think about something you feel passionate about. Write a paragraph sharing your passion and something you could do to have a positive impact in support of your passion.



Ireland

Ireland is an island country off the coast of Europe. It is known for its numerous green fields that give it the nickname *Emerald Isle*. The country also has hills, low mountains, peninsulas, and islands. Lakes, rivers, and rocky cliffs can be found in Ireland, as well. The River Shannon is Ireland's longest river at over 220 miles long. The Atlantic Ocean borders the western side of Ireland. The Cliffs of Moher are sea cliffs in Ireland. They have over 20 different species of birds and a wide variety of plants.

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Historically, control of Ireland has changed hands a few times. People have lived on the island for about 8,000 years. A group of people known as Celts invaded the land in about 300 BCE. They set up kingdoms of their own. In the 700s CE, Vikings stormed in. They took control of part of the island. By 1002, Brian Bóru, king of southwestern Ireland, brought much of the country under his reign. English armies then conquered Ireland in 1170. Different rulers in England fought over control of Ireland in the years that followed. Ireland became part of the United Kingdom in 1801. By 1919, the Irish Republican Army fought the British Army to gain independence. In 1948, Ireland voted to become an independent republic. Ireland became one of the original members of the European Union in 1992.

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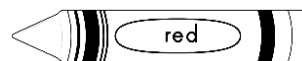
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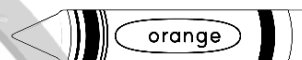
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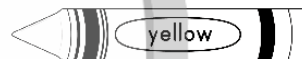
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2. Describe Ireland's landscape:

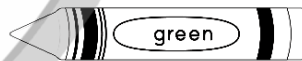


3. How did The Great Famine impact Ireland?



- a. More people moved to Ireland.
- b. More people decided to become farmers and support the agricultural industry.
- c. Ireland lost many people to illness and starvation, causing many people to leave Ireland.
- d. Ireland never farmed potatoes again.

4. What industries make up Ireland's economy?



5. Why might someone want to visit Ireland?





COUNTRY PROFILE

IRELAND

LANDSCAPE:

CLIMATE:

YEAR OF INDEPENDENCE:

MAJOR HISTORICAL EVENTS:

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RULING HISTORY:

-
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ECONOMY:

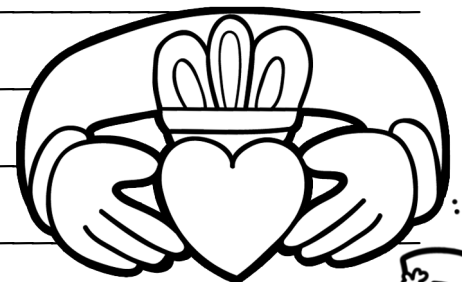
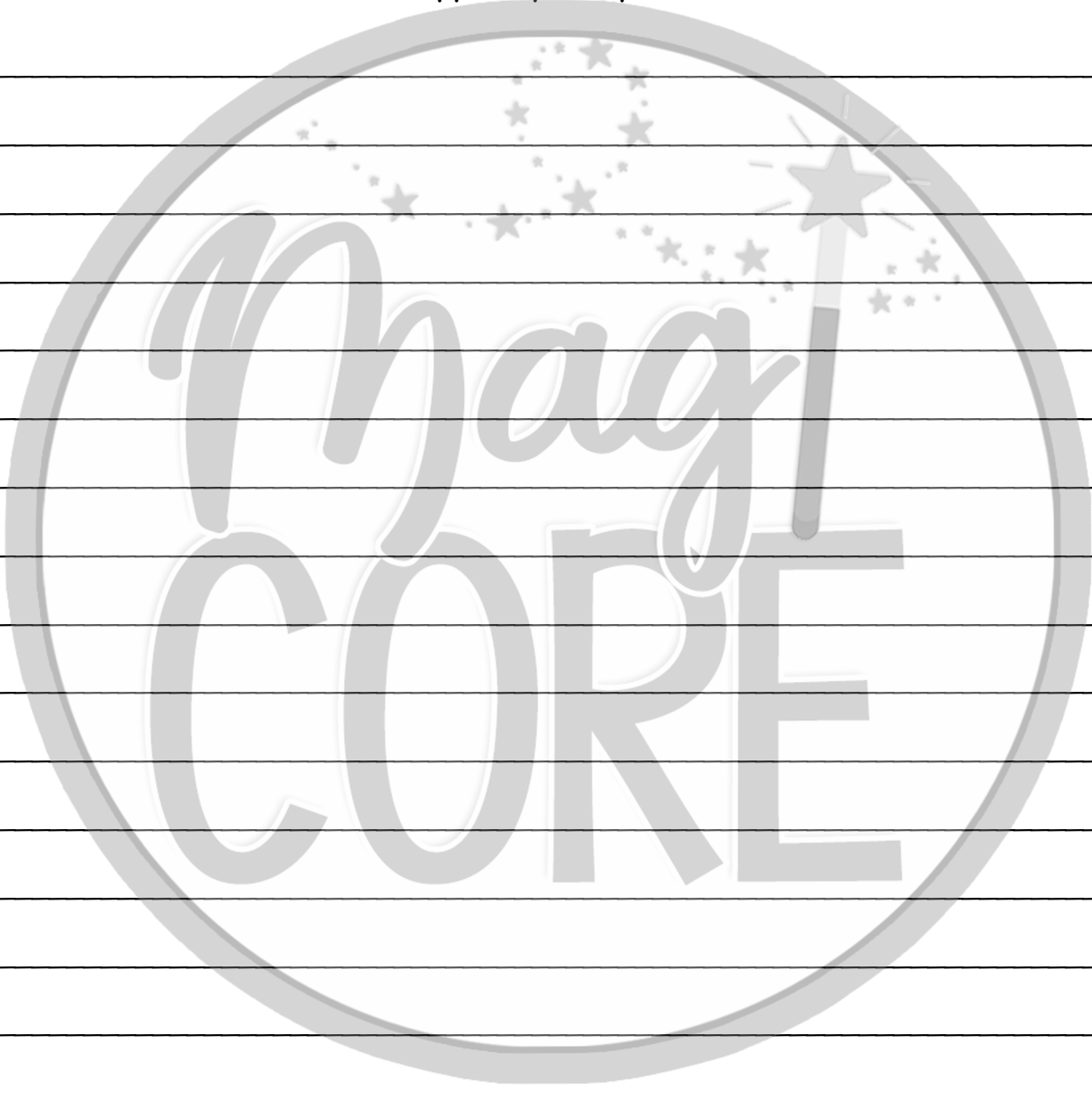
FUN THINGS TO DO ON A VISIT:





IRELAND RESPONSE

Would you want to go on a trip to Ireland? Write a paragraph exploring why you would want to visit Ireland or write about why you would not want to visit Ireland. Make sure to use some evidence from the text to support your opinion.



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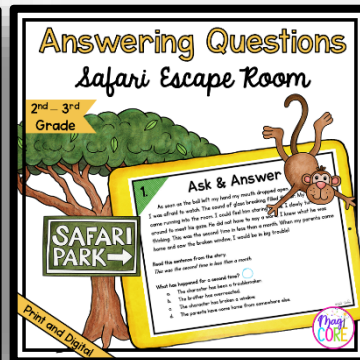
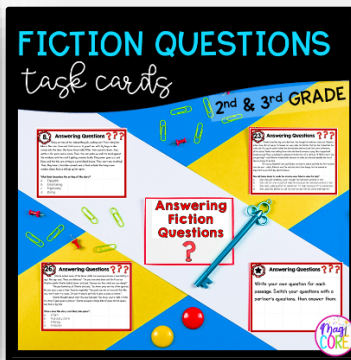


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