



THE GLOBE

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JOURNEY TO FREEDOM

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Grade: 5th; Birthplace: USA

"I grew up like a neglected weed ignorant of liberty, having no experience of it." These are the words of Harriet Tubman. As a young child, Harriet was a slave. She worked as a servant/house worker for several years. Harriet was born in the 1820s and died on March 10, 1913.

When Harriet was a slave at the young age of five or six, she would be beaten or whipped whenever she did something wrong. On one occasion, an owner was punishing another slave when Harriet accidentally was hit by a heavy metal weight. The accident caused Harriet to suffer disabling seizures, headaches, and powerful eye damage.

Harriet escaped when she was twenty-nine years old. She obviously thought that if she could escape, then everybody could escape. When freeing the slaves, Harriet managed to lead more than 300 people to freedom. Harriet used something called the Underground Railroad to help free the slaves.

The Underground Railroad is a route that had safe shelters for slaves. The Underground Railroad kept slaves both protected and fed. This went on until President Lincoln abolished slavery.

In conclusion, Harriet Tubman was a brave, industrious, and phenomenal woman. If she hadn't freed the slaves, people would have to wait until Lincoln abolished slavery. The reason why I really like Harriet is because she was brave. She was the only one who had the guts to escape and free other slaves. I hope people are like Harriet nowadays and hopefully like that in the future. What I'm trying to say is, that you should always be brave, and never give up on anything.



COMING TO AMERICA

Author: Parvine Itangiskaka

Grade: 4th; Birthplace: Burundi

Hi. My name is Parvine. My family and I came from Burundi. I was born in Tanzania but my mom and dad were born in Burundi. Did you know that there are 181 languages in Tanzania?

When I was five years old, we went to visit Burundi. One day, we heard people yelling, screaming, running, and guns shooting. Then we knew that trouble was close by. So then my mom and dad decided to come to America, but we did not know what it looked like, what it smelled like, what kind of buildings or houses, or what kind of food and animals.

When we were coming to America, first we came in a bus; then we went in a plane and got to America. We moved to Glen Ellyn when I was five years old.

I am glad we came to America because in America, we can have a better life.



MY FRIEND IN CONGO

Author: Batula Mohammed

Grade: 4th; Birthplace: Somalia

My bird's name is Andrea. Andrea is going to fly to Congo. My bird has a friend. While she is flying with her friend she sees houses, trees, and the sky. The houses are made of brick and the roofs are pink. After flying for awhile Andrea got tired. Her wings drooped and she felt sleepy.

She rested and then found a plane to take her to the Congo. However, the plane couldn't land, so she had to skydive the rest of the way. The wind rushed by her. When she landed she saw lots of dark green trees. There were deer on the land and dolphins in the ocean. As she looked around, she met her friend Valerie who was a rainbow colored bird. They talked about their lives.

"I was flying to meet you," said Andrea.

"Me too," said Valerie. "Thank you for talking to me."

"Why don't we have a party?" asked Andrea.

The two decided to have a friend party. They ate pizza and cake and they played Bingo. They had lots of fun in Congo. The end.



WE LIKE TO "MOVE IT, MOVE IT"

Author: Michel Ndikubwayo

Grade: 3rd; Birthplace: Burundi

My bird's name is Renbow. He is brown and has big wings. He lives in King Renbow Land. He is going to Quebec. First he is going to fly and he is going to take a plane. Second he is going to eat rice, paper, a shirt and macaroni and cheese. Then he is going to fly again.

When he gets to the snow he is going to ride a snowmobile. He saw a bird named Michel riding a snowmobile. When King Renbow saw his friend he sang his favorite song, "I like to move it, move it." Then King Renbow taught his friend Michel the song.

COOL BIRD



Author: Daniel Mendoza

Grade: 3rd; Birthplace: USA

My bird, Conker, is so cool because he is famous. He is famous because he does magic. He likes to eat things that taste like dirt. Things that are red and slippery taste like dirt. Conker is also cool because he falls into a dragon that is as big as the world and drives a cool car. The car is so fast and is red too.

The car drives fast because it is a Soldier Boy car that can drive to India with just the music playing.

In India the people saw Conker and asked him where he got his cool dragon and cool car. Conker told them and then got his cool car and cool dragon stuck in the sandy beaches of India. People wearing cool bright, red and green clothing helped Conker, the cool dragon and the cool car get out of the sandy beaches in India.



THE FAMILY GOES TO EGYPT

Author: Natalya Marines

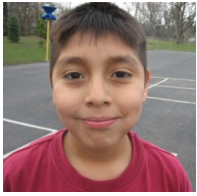
Grade: 2nd; Birthplace: USA

My bird's name is Valerie. My bird lives in Mexico. She is going to visit Natalie in Egypt. They are going to have a sleepover.

Valerie got tired so she took a plane on the way to Egypt. She has a lot of money so she got ten pizzas on the flight. She also got three sodas. When Valerie got off the plane she took a white limo to get Natalie in Egypt for eight days and saw pyramids and lots of sand.

They had a good time together and then Natalie moved to Mexico with Valerie. When they got to Mexico they threw a party for Natalie's Birthday. They ate lots of pizza and tacos. They played tag and Candy Land.

Valerie and Natalie were best friends.



ROCKET TO MEXICO

Author: Juan Quinto

Grade: 4th; Birthplace: USA

My bird is traveling to Mexico. His name is Bob, King of the Popies. He is going to tell people to put him in a rocket and shoot him to Mexico. But instead of shooting him to Mexico they shot him to Texas. He was hungry and found something called chocolate.

Then he told the people from Texas to launch him to Mexico. They launched him again to Mexico instead of landing in Mexico he landed in the water. Then he was swimming for six hours and reached an island. He thought it was an island but it was actually Mexico! He stayed in Mexico for three years. While he was there he surfed at the beach and ate neat food like beans and rice. He lived in a hotel with triangles and squiggly stuff on it then he went back to the U.S.A.



NATALIE GOES TO NIGERIA

Author: Andrea Tolentino

*Grade: 3rd; Birthplace: USA *

My bird Natalie got cold so she went south to Nigeria. Natalie is from the U.S.A. She was from a place that was dark and she was scared. Because she has big brown wings she laughed and started to fly very fast to Nigeria. On her way she got very tired because she was flying too long and too fast.

Then Natalie started walking. Then she asked a llama to take her to Nigeria. The llama said o.k. The llama started walking. Then the llama got tired and they took a nap. The next day they started walking and they got one bock away from Nigeria at 12:00. They then made it to Nigeria!

She wanted to visit her friends. They had a marshmallow party. They made a marshmallow house. Next they watched a movie and ate marshmallows. Next they made a marshmallow cake. It was 9:00 and everyone fell asleep.



FUFU IN AFGHANASTIAN

Author: Luis Salgado

Grade: 1st; Birthplace: USA

My birds name is Fufu. He lives in the back yard. Fufu's backyard is full of trees, butterflies, bees and squirrels. Fufu is a boy. This morning he ate breakfast to get ready for his adventure to Afghanistan.

Then he went down to Afghanistan. Then he went to the bathroom when he got to Afghanistan. Then we went on a long walk and saw many jets. Then he was hungry and ate lots of nachos. Then he got a drink of coke because he was thirsty. Then he looked up at the clouds for a very long time and saw many shapes and fell asleep.



MY NEW HOME

Author: Parvine Itangiskaka

Grade: 4th; Birthplace: Burundi

Once upon a time there was a girl named Parvine. She lived in a far away land. Parvine was nine years old and had four sisters and three brothers. One day Parvine went outside to play. She had five friends, their names were Batula, Lucy, Gia, Farida and Rosita. When it was Monday and it was time to go to school Parvine was excited because in her school they were going to have a Christmas party.

So she picked out her favorite clothes that were Christmas colors. When she got to school she found everybody wearing their favorite clothes. When school was over Parvine told her mom what she did at school.

“First I made a mask that would match my dress. When I was done,“ she said, “my class played games and then we ate our food. After that my class and I started eating. When we were done my class and I heard my teacher say it was time for writing. My teacher also said that we had to write about what we liked today.” We had to write about what was our favorite thing that we did and how can we make the Christmas Party better.

On the next day Parvine's mom said it was time to move. Parvine for angry because she though that she would be lonely. When she was at her new house she saw lots of people all around. They all spoke different languages. Parvine asked her mom why they had to move. Her mom said that her daddy is going to start working in Africa because we lived in Africa.



BOWLING

Author: Areli Ruiz

Grade: 4th; Birthplace: USA

One day, I was happy because I was going bowling. When I got there, I got ten shots. When I got a strike in bowling, I was happy because I never got a strike before. After I got my strike, I told my cousin that I will help him with bowling. I told him, "I'll tell you what you have to do". I said to my cousin that "You have to hold the bowling ball and then you throw it in the lane. You try to get your best score. And then you see your score on the television screen."

I took my cousin bowling one day. He is happy but a little shy. He is shy because he has never been bowling. I told him not to be shy. Then he gets a strike on his first turn. He goes and tells his mom that he got a strike. So his mom says good job. Then we celebrated. We went out to dinner at Olive Garden. When we were there, I got spaghetti. My cousin got a salad because he wasn't hungry because he was so excited and wanted to go bowling again.



ANDRE THE GIANT

Author: Terry Curtis

Grade: 4th; Birthplace: USA

Andre the Giant was 7'4" tall. Andre was born on May 19, 1946 and his debut was in 1963. He retired in 1991. He died in Paris when he was only 46. He died in a hotel room in his sleep because he had a heart problem from working out every day. He had difficulty with his heart. He was not very healthy and had a disease called acromegaly. The disease makes people grow and they end up dying.

He was a great wrestler and he fought against Hulk Hogan, The Rock, and The Sheik. I liked him because he was a giant and I loved watching wrestling and seeing them fight.



THE CUBS

Author: Ladu Suliman

Grade: 4th; Birthplace: Sudan

The Cubs began in 1869. The Cubs have not won a World Series in 101 years because of the Curse of the Billy Goat. The Cubs' colors are red, white and blue. The Cubs are called the North Siders, because they play at Wrigley Field which is on the north side of Chicago.

Some of the famous Cubs players are Billy Williams, Ron Santo, Ernie Banks, and Ryne Sandberg. The Cubs' coach is Lou Piniella. I think he is a good coach because he yells at the umpires when they make a bad call. The Cubs players like it when he stands up for them. I think the Cubs are going to win the World Series because they have new players and better pitchers. I want them to win the World Series. Go Cubs.

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