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# Guided Reading

**Week of 5/17 - 5/21/2021**



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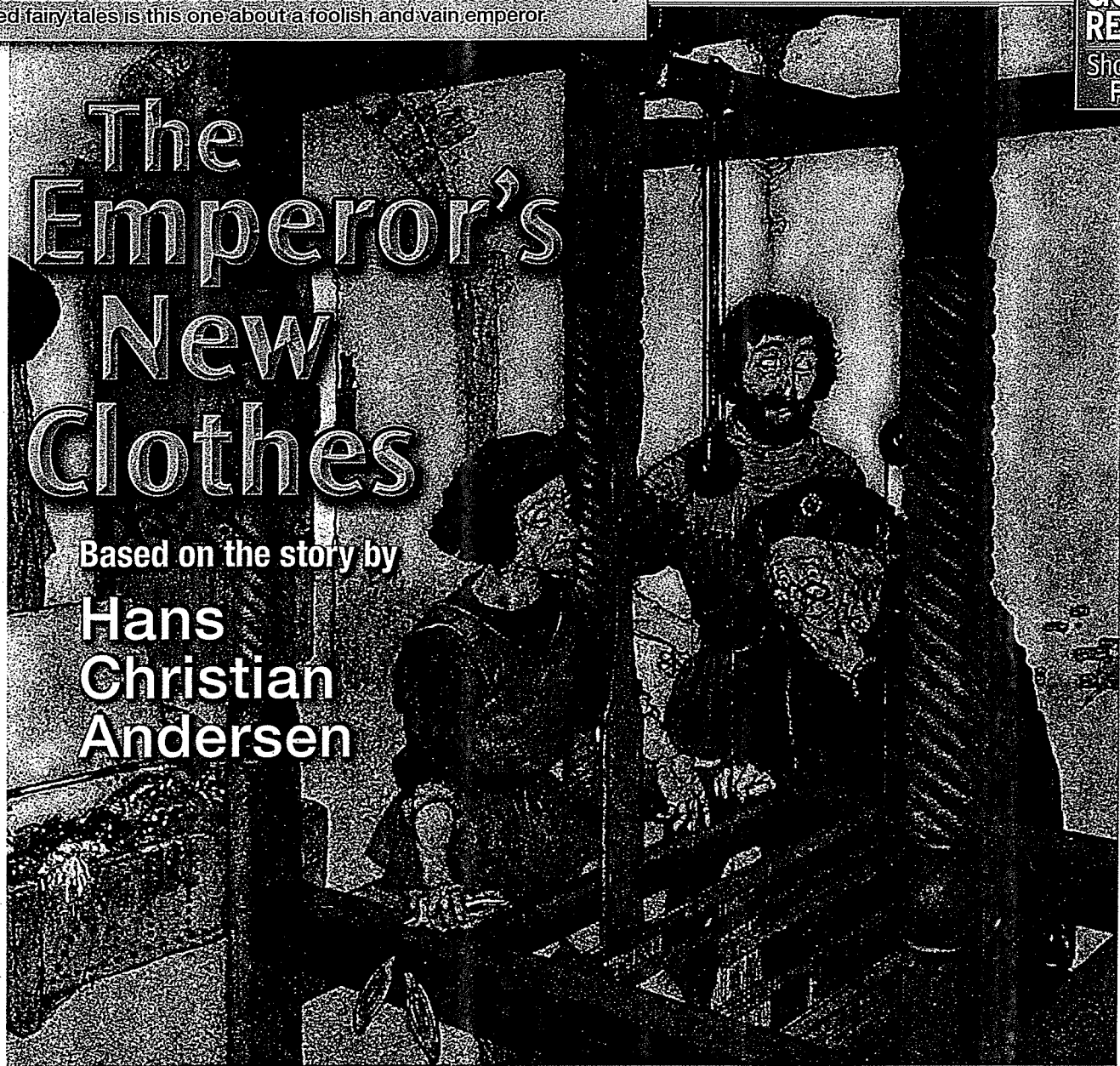
Hans Christian Andersen lived and wrote in the 1800s. One of his many beloved fairy tales is this one about a foolish and vain emperor.

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# The Emperor's New Clothes

Based on the story by

**Hans  
Christian  
Andersen**



**T**here was once an emperor who loved colorful new clothes. His town had many parades. He dressed up in a fancy, colorful new suit for every one.

Two clever but greedy men came to town. They made a plan to fool the emperor.

They said they were famous weavers that could make the kinds of clothes

the king liked. They said their clothes were magical. They told the emperor that people who were bad at their jobs couldn't see the magic clothes.

The emperor asked the weavers to make him a colorful new suit. He paid the weavers a lot of money to make this colorful new suit.

The two weavers put up looms. They pretended to weave cloth on the looms, for that was how cloth was made. But there was nothing on the looms.

The emperor sent a maid to check on the cloth for the suit. She went to the weavers' shop. She couldn't see anything on the looms. The weavers pointed at the empty looms and bragged about the fine, fancy cloth they were making. The maid thought she must be bad at her job. She didn't want anyone else to know. So she said the cloth was very pretty and very fancy indeed!

A few days later, the weavers said the cloth was done. They pretended to take the cloth off the loom. They cut the air with huge scissors. Then they pretended to sew the cloth to make the fine, fancy suit.

The emperor sent a man to check on the clothes. The man didn't see anything either. The weavers pretended to hold up pants. They pretended to hold up a coat. They said the suit sparkled. The man thought he must be bad at his job. He didn't want anyone else to know. So he said the suit was lovely and very fancy indeed!

The emperor wanted to wear the suit for a big parade. The weavers brought the suit to the palace. The emperor was

wearing his favorite pajamas. They were brown with purple and orange stars.

The emperor couldn't see the suit. He was afraid he was bad at his job. He didn't want anyone else to know. So he said the fancy new suit was wonderful.

The weavers helped him put on the pants over the pajamas. They helped him put on the coat. They pretended to tie a long cape around his neck.

Then the emperor paid the weavers. The weavers left town with all the money.

At the parade, no one could see the new clothes. They were afraid that they were bad at their jobs. But they didn't want anyone else to know.

So they said, "How beautiful!"

And they said, "What a colorful, fancy new suit!"

Then a little child shouted, "The emperor is wearing silly old pajamas!"

Children began to giggle. They started to whisper, "Silly old pajamas!" Men and women laughed too.

Soon everyone in town was giggling at the emperor's pajamas. The emperor heard what they said and felt very foolish. He walked quickly to finish the parade.

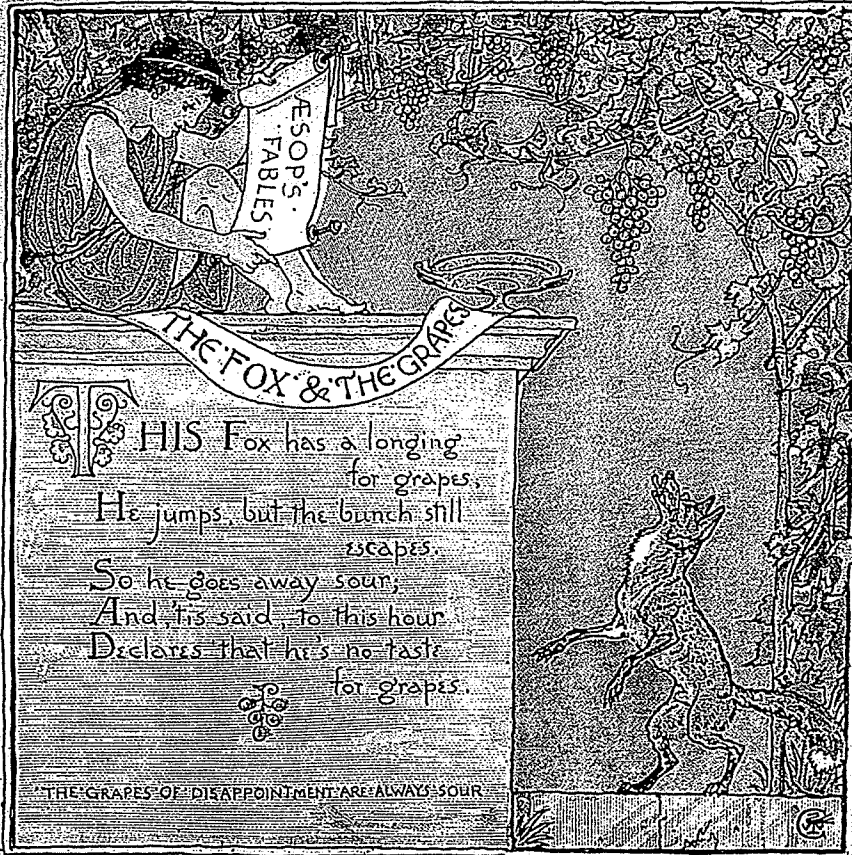
The weavers were never seen again.





In this fable, a fox shows human traits and the reader is taught a lesson.

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# THE FOX AND THE GRAPES

*a retelling of an Aesop fable*

One summer day, a Fox was walking in the baking sun. His trip had been long and he was traveling alone. There wasn't much shade, so he was very hot. He had not passed any streams, so he was very thirsty. He had not seen anything to eat along the way, so he was very hungry.

At last the path he was following wound through an orchard. The trees provided lovely shade. He thought he would be able to find something to eat and water to drink in the orchard.



But when he reached the orchard, he saw that most of it had been picked clean. But then he spied something purple near the end of the orchard. When he got there, he saw it was a bunch of grapes ripening on a vine. The vine had gotten looped around one of the high branches of a tree. The grapes dangled down over the path. They looked ripe, juicy, and enticing.

"Just the thing to quench my thirst! Just the thing to ease my hunger!" the Fox said to himself. He stood on his hind paws and reached up for the grapes. But they were too high up for him to grasp.

He tried pulling a large stone onto the path and standing on it. He still couldn't reach the grapes. He tried stacking two stones on top of one another. He still couldn't reach the grapes. Carefully, he placed a log from the orchard on top of the stones. But he still couldn't reach the grapes.

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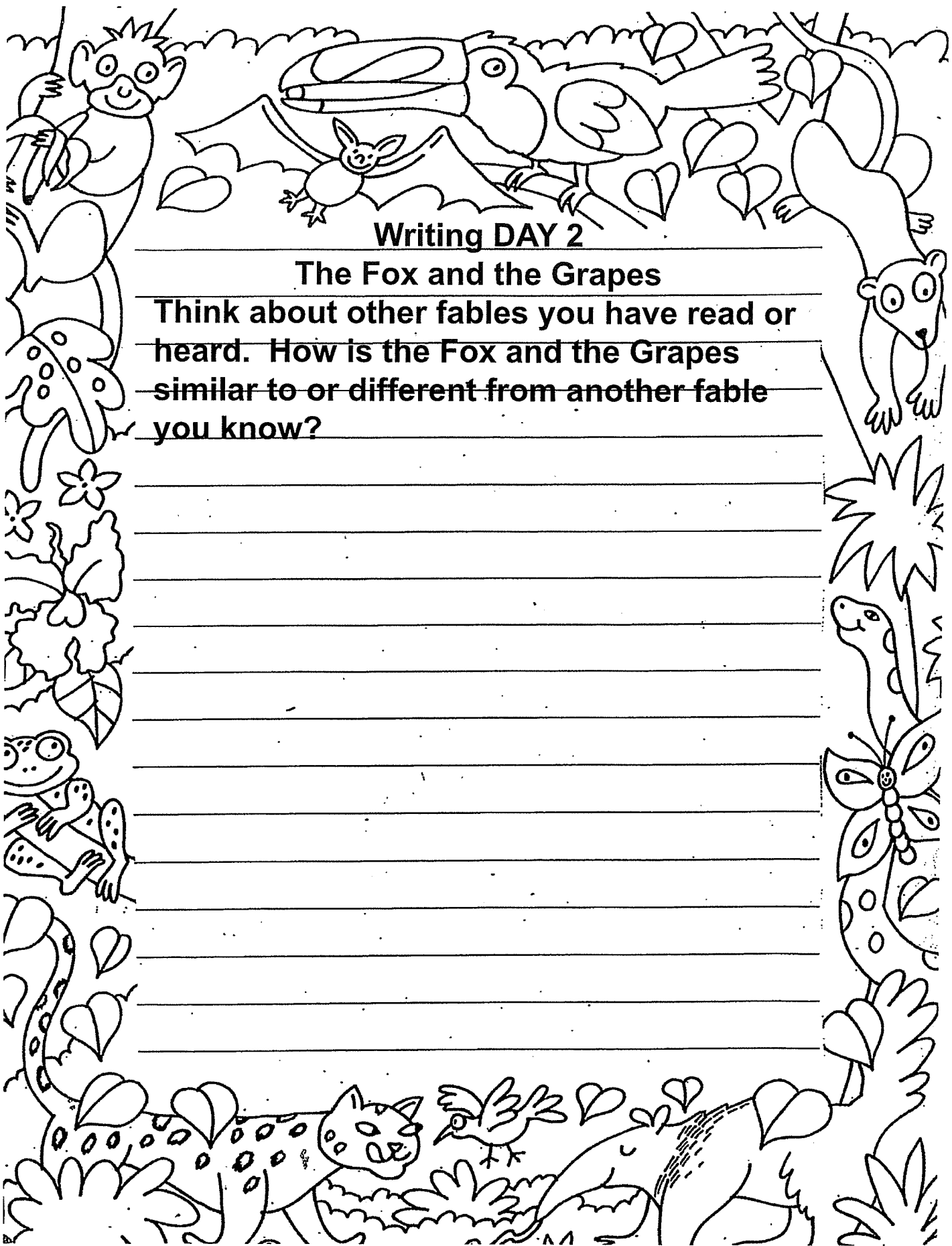
three, go!" and leaped for the grapes again. He landed on the hot, dusty path—again without any grapes! A third time he tried leaping for the grapes. He had no more success on his third leap than on his first or second.

At last he tried running and jumping off the log on the stack of stones and grasped at the grapes. He landed again without having grabbed a single one. He tried a second jump, but only knocked down the pile he had made. He had to rest before restacking everything. Then he jumped toward the tempting morsel again! This time he felt the cool skin of a grape against his paw, but couldn't pull down even one piece of fruit.

At last he had to give up. He lay panting beside the path under a tree. When he had caught his breath, he got up and looked angrily at the grapes. Then he walked away with his nose in the air, saying "I am sure those grapes are sour anyway."

**MORAL:** It's easy to say you don't want something that you know you can't get.





Writing DAY 2

The Fox and the Grapes

Think about other fables you have read or heard. How is the Fox and the Grapes similar to or different from another fable you know?

Lined area for writing the response to the prompt.



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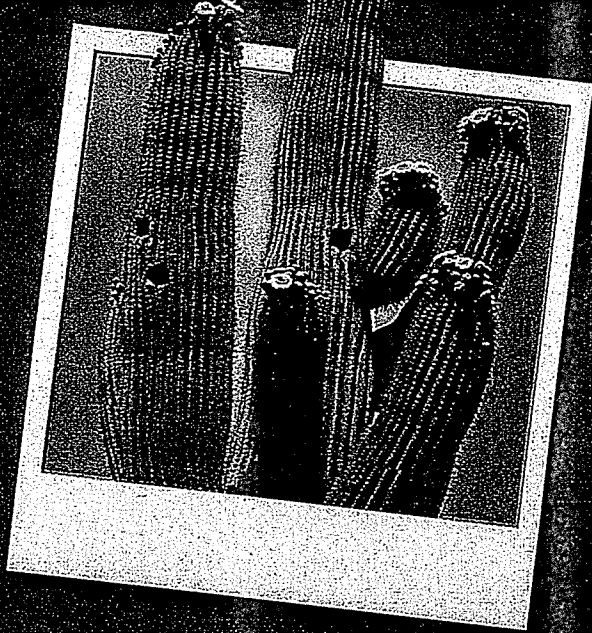


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**These Sonoran Desert sights are well known.  
Take a look, but don't get too close.**



### Saguaro Cactus

You'll find the saguaro (sa-WAH-roh) cactus in rocky places.

#### What to look for:

- This large, tall plant looks like a tree.
- The saguaro can grow as tall as 40–60 feet (12–18m).
- You can see its flowers in bloom in May and June, although each flower opens for only one night!

### Banded Gila Monster

Found in the same area of the Sonoran as the saguaro cactus, this lizard is active at night.

#### What to look for:

- This lizard has a thick body. It has bead-like scales across its back.
- The Gila monster is 18–24 inches (46–60 cm) long.

#### Habits:

The Gila monster is active at night. It eats small lizards and insects.

**WATCH OUT!**

Gila monsters have a very strong, painful bite. As they bite and chew, venom flows into the wound. Stay away from Gila monsters.

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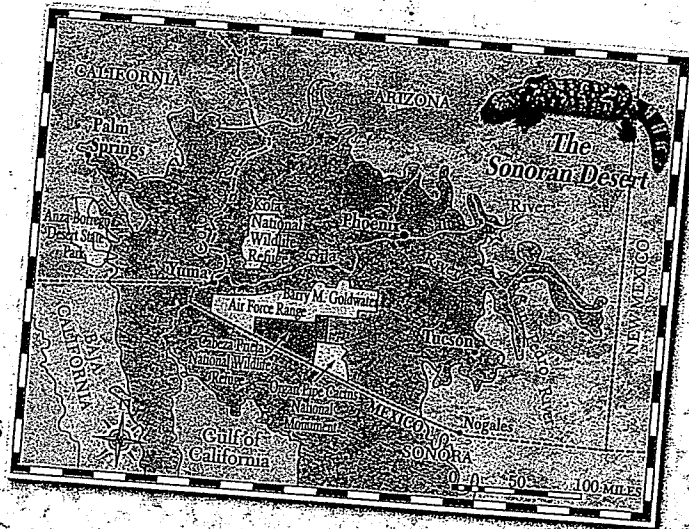
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# The Sonoran Desert

The Sonoran Desert is the hottest desert in the United States.

Where is it?

- The desert is in orange on this map. You'll see that the Sonoran Desert is in the states of Arizona and California.
- You'll see that this desert is also in the country of Mexico.

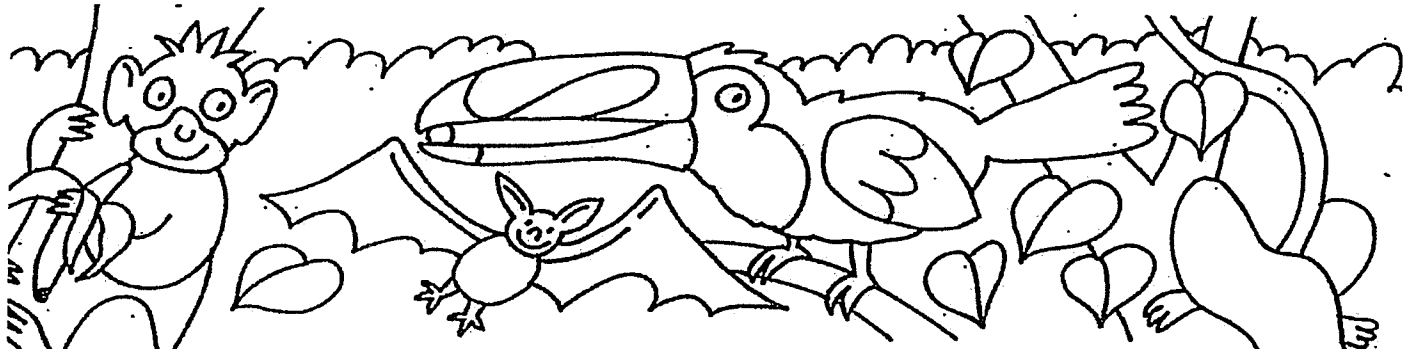


## What is the weather like in the Sonoran?

- **It's so hot in the daytime** that the temperature can reach 120°F (49°C). And that's in the shade!
- **But at night**, the temperature can drop to 32°F (0°C).
- **It's very dry.** In one year, it rains only 3 to 16 inches (8 to 41 cm).
- **When it does rain**, a rainbow often follows.
- **How can plants and animals live in this hot, dry place?** Two rainy seasons, one in summer and one in winter, provide Sonoran plants and animals with just enough water.







**Writing Day 2**

**The Sonoran Desert**

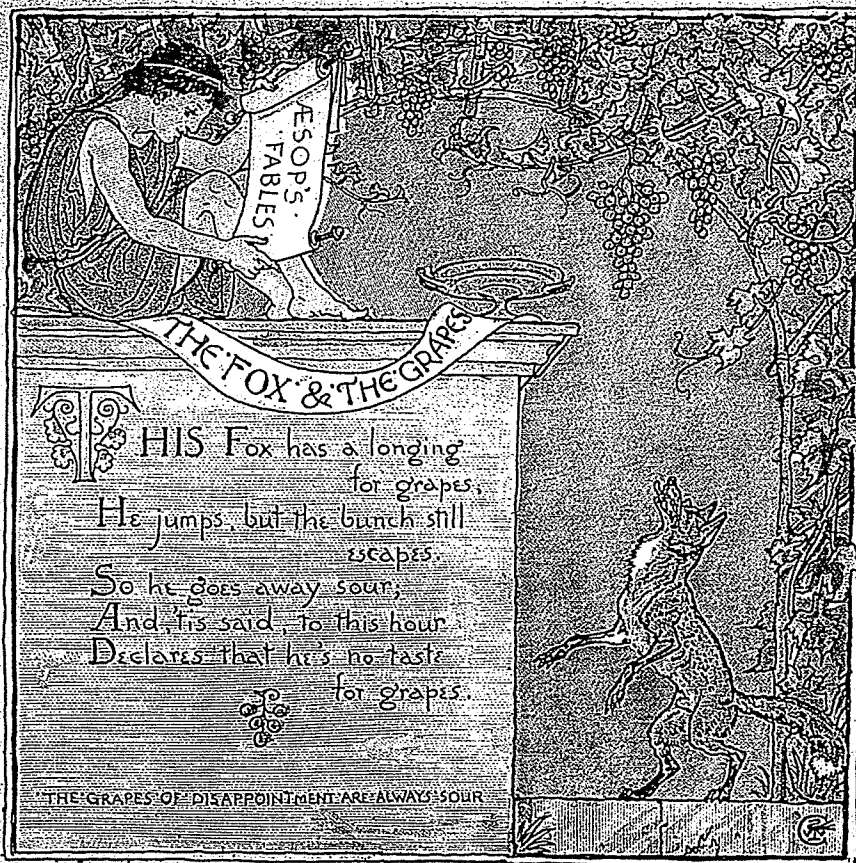
**What did you learn about the Sonoran Desert? How does the Sonoran desert compare with other deserts you know about?**

A series of horizontal lines for writing, framed by a decorative border of desert animals and plants.



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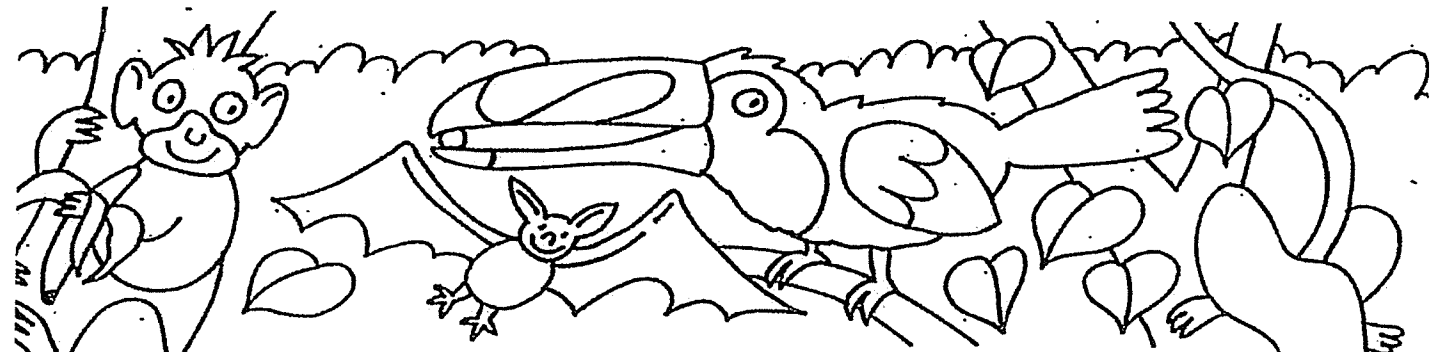
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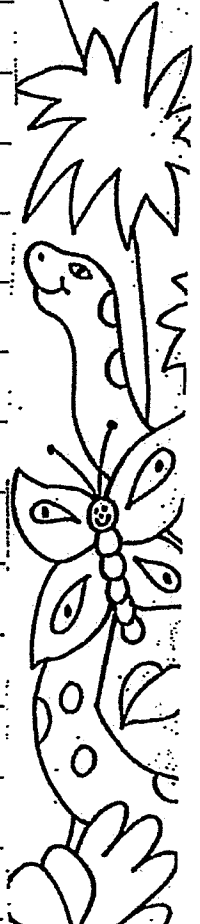


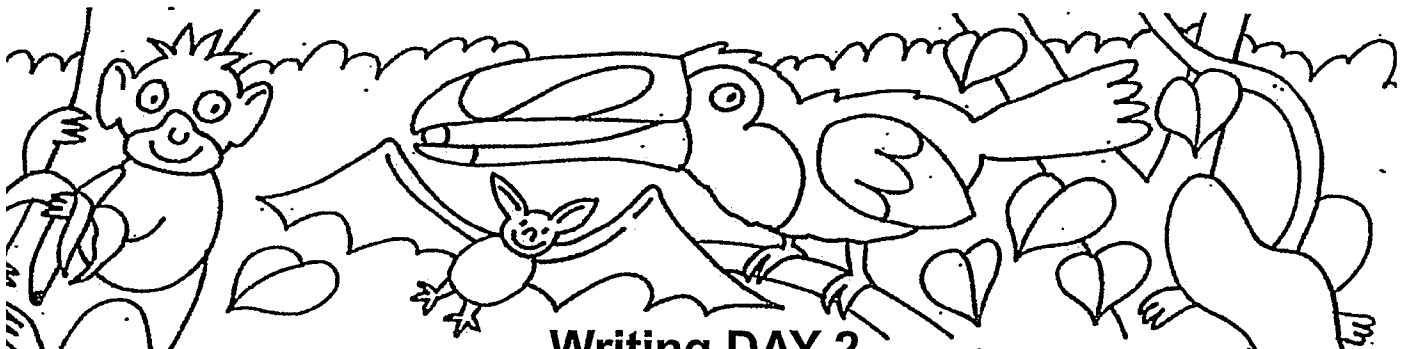
**Writing DAY 1**

**The Fox and the Grapes**

**What are the important parts of this story?**

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**Writing DAY 2**

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