

Bellwork – September 6th to 8th

reading:

Peach Boy: A Folktale from Japan



Long ago there lived an old man and his wife who were sad because they had no children. One day, as the old woman was washing clothes in the river, a huge peach came floating down the water. The old woman grabbed the peach out of the water and brought it home. When the old man came home, she decided to cut the peach and share it. As the old woman lifted the knife to cut the peach, a voice from inside the peach said, "Please don't cut me!" Immediately, the peach opened up and a baby boy jumped out. The old man and his wife were overjoyed and named the baby Peach Boy.

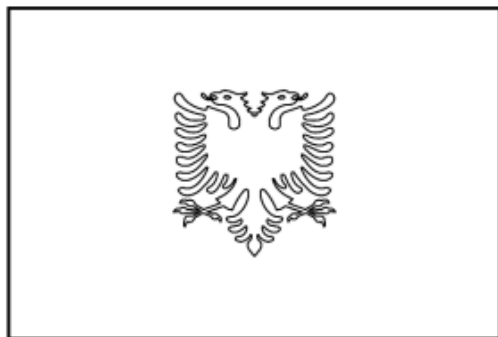
At that time, there were ogres who lived on a remote island and who traveled to steal treasures and to kidnap people. When the Peach Boy was fifteen, he decided to travel to the island to fight the ogres and to bring back their treasure. While the old man was frightened for Peach Boy, he was also proud of him. The old man generously gave him a sword and armor, and the old woman prepared dumplings for his journey. As Peach Boy walked, he came to a dog, a monkey, and a pheasant who were fighting. Peach Boy gave them each a dumpling and asked them to join him on his quest. The small army walked for a long time until they came to the sea, where they built a boat and started to sail to Ogre Island.

Once on the island, they saw the ogre's fort with numerous ogres of red, green, and blue. They rushed the fort, with the pheasant pecking, the monkey clawing, the dog biting, and Peach Boy wielding a sword. Finally, most of the ogres were defeated and the remaining ogres promised never to kidnap or steal again. Then the ogres gathered all of their treasures and laid them at Peach Boy's feet. Not only was there silver, gold, and jewels, but there was an invisible coat and hat and many other wonderful things. Peach Boy and his friends carried the treasure back to the boat and then to his home. Peach Boy and his family became very rich and lived happily ever after.

1. Why did Peach Boy decide to go to Ogre's Island? Cite text evidence to support your answer. _____

2. The text states that the old man was proud of his son. Why was he proud of him? _____

social studies: Albania



Background:
red

Double
headed eagle:
black

Albania is located next to Greece, across from Italy, bordering the Adriatic Sea. It is a temperate area with cool, wet winters and hot, dry summers. The terrain is filled with mountains which are rich in mineral resources such as copper, chrome, nickel, and iron. It also has narrow plains along the coast. Farmers in Albania grow wheat, corn, potatoes, sugar beets, and other vegetables and fruits. They also produce meat and dairy products.

1. Color the flag of Albania.
2. What types of resources can be found in the mountains?
3. Which body of water borders Albania?

math:

1. Solve the expressions using the Order of Operations:

$$3 \times 6 - 10 \div 5 \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$6 \times (14 - 7) \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$5 + 9 \times 4 - 6 \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$8 + 4 \times 5 - 21 \div 7 \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

2. According to the Order of Operations, which comes first? Circle the correct one:

Adding or multiplying?

Brackets or division?

Subtracting or parentheses?

Write the sentences correctly.

1. A lightening strike, that's a giant electrically spark made up of short strokes.

2. Each stroke of lightning gives off a weeks worth of enurgy for a average family.

Write the missing word.

3. A lightning strike can be about five times _____ than the sun.

hot

hotter

hottest

Explain what the underlined noun phrase tells us.

4. A flash of lightning is as bright as 10 million 100-watt light bulbs.

The phrase tells us _____.

Write the sentences correctly.

1. Last weekend scott went for a hike in the hills near his home in elko.

2. He thoght it was too hot for his dog but he left her in the shady backyard.

Explain what the underlined adverb clause tells us.

3. After he came around a big rock, he saw a bobcat staring down at him.

The clause tells us _____.

Rewrite this sentence so it is not a run-on sentence.

4. Scott's dog suddenly ran up, barking at the bobcat she had escaped from the yard.
