

Oliver's Travels

AN OHIO ADVENTURE



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Activity Guide



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Buckeye Poetry



NAME _____

The state tree of Ohio, as well as the mascot for one of their most popular football teams, is the buckeye. After reading the story, write an acrostic poem using the word *buckeyes*. Each line begins with one of the letters from the word. Your poem can be about Ohio or Oliver's travels throughout the state.

B _____

U _____

C _____

K _____

E _____

Y _____

E _____

S _____

Great Lakes Trivia



NAME _____

Use the map of the Great Lakes to answer the trivia questions.



1. One way to remember the names of the 5 great lakes is by using the acronym HOMES. Each of the Great Lakes begins with one of these letters. Can you name all 5 Great Lakes?

_____, _____, _____,
_____, _____

2. What is the most northern Great Lake?

Great Lakes Trivia continued



3. Which Great Lake sits furthest to the east?

4. Name 4 states and 1 Canadian province that border Lake Erie.

_____, _____, _____,

_____, _____

5. Niagara Falls is a series of waterfalls that forms when water from Lake Erie empties into Lake Ontario. What is the name of the city in New York that is near Niagara Falls?

6. Which Great Lake separates Michigan from Wisconsin?

Which Word?



NAME _____

Homophones are words that sound alike but are spelled differently and have different meanings. For example in the story, Oliver says, "What a dear little deer." The words deer/dear are homophones.

Read the sentences below. Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

1. The mouse told a _____ about hurting his _____.

tail tale

2. _____ with your _____ hand.

right write

3. _____ were you for Halloween?

which witch

4. I bought _____ bones _____ my dog.

for four

5. As I _____ a bubble with my gum, my mouth turned _____.

blew blue

Which Word? continued



6. _____ you think there will be _____ on the grass in the morning?

dew do

7. _____ books are over _____.

their there

8. I have _____ brothers, _____!

too two

9. When I _____ on the plane, I caught the _____.

flew flu

10. When I sit _____ I can't _____ you.

hear here

Lolly, Lilly, and Lolla Ladybugs



INGREDIENTS

2 ounces softened cream cheese

2 tablespoons sour cream

½ teaspoon snipped chives

⅛ teaspoon parsley

⅛ teaspoon garlic

Black paste food coloring

Crackers

Cherry tomatoes, quartered

Pitted black olives, cut in half

Chive pieces (about 1 inch long)

DIRECTIONS

1. In a bowl, beat the cream cheese until it is smooth.
2. Add in the sour cream, chives, parsley, and garlic. Mix well.
3. Spread cream cheese mixture onto the crackers.
4. On each cracker, place 2 tomato pieces for the ladybug wings.
5. Use an olive piece for the head.
6. Insert the 1-inch chive pieces under the edges of the olive to make the antennae.
7. Use the black past food coloring to make dots on the “wings” of the ladybugs.
8. Enjoy!

Oliver's Vocabulary



NAME _____

As you read, it is very important to understand tricky words. For each word, write a definition of the word. Then use the word in your own sentence.

1. buckeye

2. adventure

3. War of 1812

4. Swiss cheese

Oliver's Vocabulary continued



5. rodent

6. cardinal

7. carnation

8. Amish

9. rollercoasters

10. trilobites

Label Ohio



NAME _____

Using the Internet or a road map of Ohio, label the following cities. You may write either the name or the number that goes with each name on the map.

1. Archbold
2. Sandusky
3. Cincinnati
4. Columbus
5. Dayton
6. Ohio River



Symbols of Ohio



NAME _____

Throughout the story, Oliver is searching for symbols of Ohio. Look back through the story or on the Internet to find the following symbols.

1. The state tree _____
2. The state flower _____
3. The state bird _____
4. The state seal _____
5. Invention by the Wright brothers _____
6. Invention by Thomas Edison _____
7. The state insect _____
8. The state drink _____
9. The state wildflower _____
10. The state animal _____

Which Is Stronger— You or Air?



NAME _____

Many great inventors and entrepreneurs came from the state of Ohio. The Wright Brothers invented the first airplane and taught us a great deal about air and flight.

Following is an experiment that you can try with your friends. In this experiment you will investigate if you are stronger than air.

MATERIALS NEEDED

One ruler

One piece of newspaper

DIRECTIONS

1. Place the ruler on a table so that part of it extends off the end of the table.
2. Place the newspaper on the table over the ruler.
3. Ask those who are watching you what they think will happen when you hit the end of the ruler. Also, consider what you think will happen.
4. Make a fist and hit the end of the ruler that extends off the table.

What happened? Did the newspaper go flying into the air from the force of your strength? Or did the newspaper stay laying on top of the ruler?

WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED?

The Wright brothers helped us understand that air actually has weight. Therefore, the air that presses down on the newspaper makes it resist being lifted up quickly!

Inventions



NAME _____

As we've learned from reading *Oliver's Travels*, there were many great inventors who came from Ohio, such as Thomas Edison and the Wright brothers. If you could be an inventor, what would you invent? Below, brainstorm your ideas and then write about what your invention would be and why.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

YOUR INVENTION

Inventions continued



PICTURE OF YOUR INVENTION

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a student to draw their invention. The box is currently blank.

How Far? How Long?



NAME _____

1. A man starts an adventure in Archbold, Ohio, and travels for 99 miles to Sandusky. From Sandusky, he travels another 226 miles to Cincinnati, Ohio. How many miles did he travel altogether on this part of his trip?

2. An airplane pilot is looking for the quickest route to get from Sandusky to Columbus. Trip A goes from Sandusky to Canton, which is 110 miles. Then, from Canton to Columbus is another 128 miles. Trip B goes from Sandusky to Lima, which is 106 miles. Then, from Lima to Columbus is another 96 miles.

Is Trip A or Trip B a shorter distance?

By how much?

3. An inventor drives from Cleveland, Ohio, to Portsmouth, Ohio. The drive is 235 miles. If the inventor completes the trip in 5 hours, driving at a constant speed, what is the driver's approximate speed?

How Far? How Long? continued



4. Edison leaves his house for a brisk walk in the countryside at 12:30 in the afternoon. He walks for 1 hour and 15 minutes and then decides to rest. Edison lies down and dozes off to sleep for 45 minutes. Surprised at how long he slept, Edison jumps up and runs all the way back home. It only takes him 40 minutes to get back home. At what time does Edison get back home?

5. Football first became a varsity sport at Ohio State University in 1890. The Buckeyes have continued to play through this year, 2008. How many years have the Buckeyes been making Ohio fans proud?

6. A battle in the War of 1812 took place in the great state of Ohio. About how many years ago did this war take place?

About how many decades?

Answer Key



GREAT LAKES TRIVIA

1. Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie, Superior
2. Lake Superior
3. Ontario
4. Michigan, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, and Ontario
5. Buffalo
6. Michigan

SYMBOLS OF OHIO

1. The state tree: buckeye tree
2. The state flower: red carnation
3. The state bird: cardinal
4. The state seal: sheaf of wheat with 17 arrows under a sunrise
5. Invention by the Wright brothers: airplane
6. Invention by Thomas Edison: lightbulb
7. The state insect: ladybug
8. The state drink: tomato juice
9. The state wildflower: trillium
10. The state animal: white-tailed deer

HOW FAR? HOW LONG?

1. 325 miles
2. Trip B is 36 miles shorter at 202 miles
3. 47 miles per hour
4. Edison arrives home at 3:10 pm.
5. 118 years
6. 196 years ago, more than 19 decades