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Magic Tree House and Merlin

Missions, and Natalie Pope

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Magic Tree House

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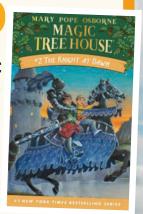
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AROUND THE WORLD WITH JACK AND ANNIE!

EUROPEAN HISTORY, MIDDLE AGES

A castle. A knight. A quest! The magic tree house whisks Jack and Annie away to the Middle Ages—a period between ancient and modern times. The Middle Ages were a period of change, but also a time of warring kingdoms.



Jack and Annie are on a mission, looking for a knight—a type of soldier during the Middle Ages. Instead, they find the Great Hall of a castle where a feast is under way. But Jack and Annie aren't exactly welcome guests!



HOMETOWN HEROES

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GAMES AND PUZZLES!

Legends and Heroes

DRAGON EMPEROR KING KNIGHTS
PHARAOH PYRAMID

P H A R A O H W U M
P K C R J A C T N N
D R D W O J D O K M
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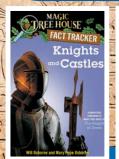
Connect the Dots
Knights were brave heroes who used shields as part of their armor. Connect the dots to reveal the shield.

Answer on last page

FACT TRACKER DID YOU KNOW THESE EACT

The MIDDLE AGES began in the 5th century CE and lasted for more than 1,000 years. The period of history is called the Middle Ages because it was between ancient times and modern times.

Mountains take up a third of CHINA, with the tallest mountains in the world in the Himalayas.





THESE FACTS?



Track more facts in these books!

Ancient EGYPT was one of the world's first civilizations. Five thousand years ago, Egyptians invented one of the first forms of writing.

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Answer on last page

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MAGIC TREE HOUSE **GRAPHIC NOVELS**

Experience Jack and Annie's favorite adventures in a BRAND=NEW way!



WORD SEARCH

Can you find these dinosaur-themed words?

DINOSAUR TREX FOSSIL PTERANODON
CRETACEOUS EXTINCT REPTILE

S D I N O S A U R W
T X S Z F O K F N H
T L B J F O S S I L
E C T S E Q B D H I
T I N E L I T P E R
R R U I C Y Z X U J
B Q E Y T Z F K P Q
W E Y X Z X H H W L
C R E T A C E O U S
N O D O N A R E T P

Help Jack and Annie return safely to their tree house!

Start

Finish

Answer on last page

FACT TRACKER

DO YOU KNOW THESE DINOSAUR FACTS?

Marsh and
Cope were two scientists
who STUDIED DINOSAUR FOSSILS.
They were so competitive
that they even tried to steal
from each other's collections
of dinosaur bones!

Paleontologists think the TROODON could run nearly 30 miles per hour. That's fast! The fastest humans can run about 23 miles per hour.

The *T. REX* had really strong legs. But its arms were so short they couldn't even reach its mouth. Scientists still don't know what the T. rex used its arms for. . . .

The DINOSAUR with the longest NAME is the micropachycephalosaurus (MY-cro-PACK-ee-SEF-uh-lo-SOAR-us). It means "tiny" (micro) "thick" (pachy) "head" (cephalo) "lizard" (saurus).



Minimum and Kin Page School

Track more facts in this book!

POPSICLE STICK DINOSAUR CRAFT FUN! Create your own "net" dinosaur with this craft idea! Create your own "pet" dinosaur with this craft idea!

Ask an adult's permission before using scissors!

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Popsicle sticks
- Green paint
- Glue
- Card stock or heavy paper
- Scissors
- Colored pens, pencils, markers, or crayons

STEP 1:

Paint three Popsicle sticks green and let them dry. Once they are dry, glue them into a triangle.

STEP 2:

Create a body for your dinosaur. Have an adult help you cut these shapes out of paper:

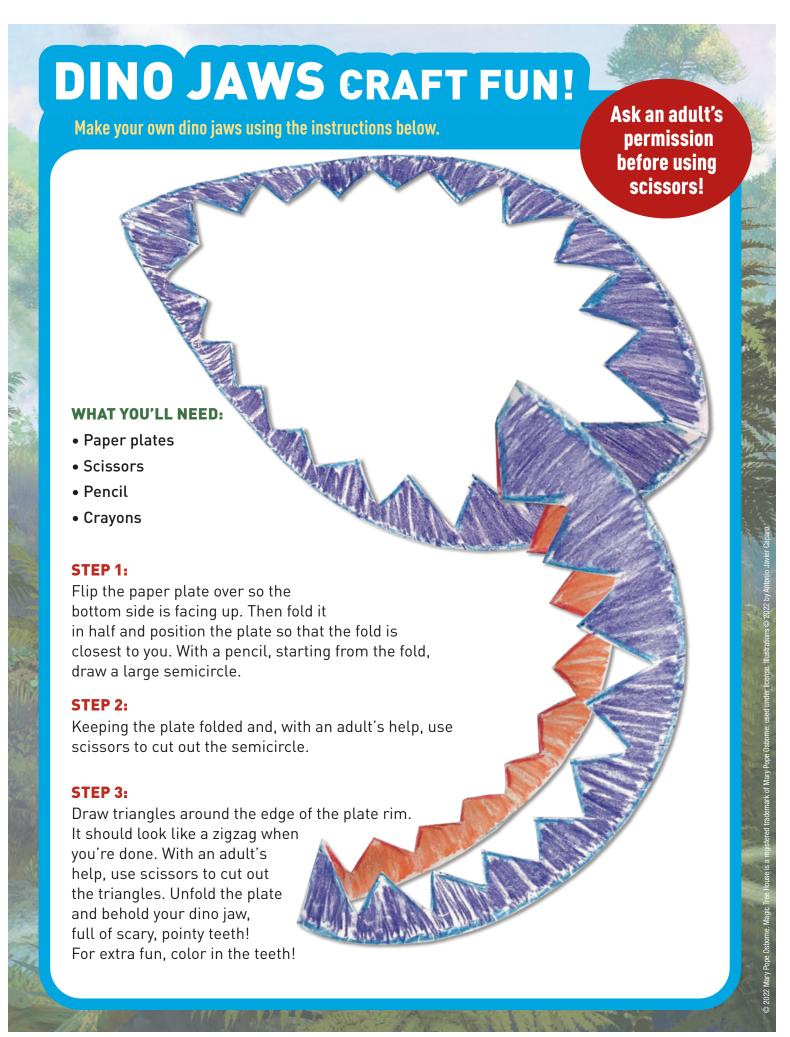
- A large triangle for the body
- A long oval for the tail
- A few small, triangular spikes for the back
- Two rectangles for the legs
- An L-shape for the head

STEP 3:

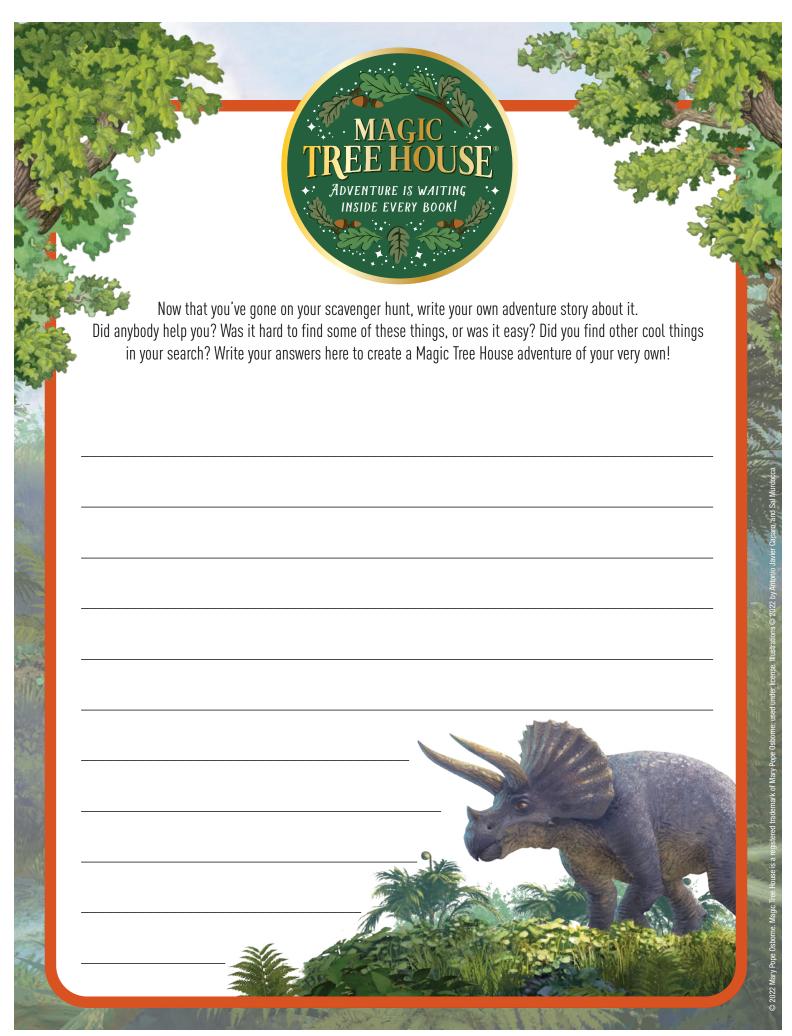
Glue the large triangle representing the body onto the back of the Popsicle sticks. Then glue the head, tail, legs, and spikes onto the dinosaur and let the glue dry.

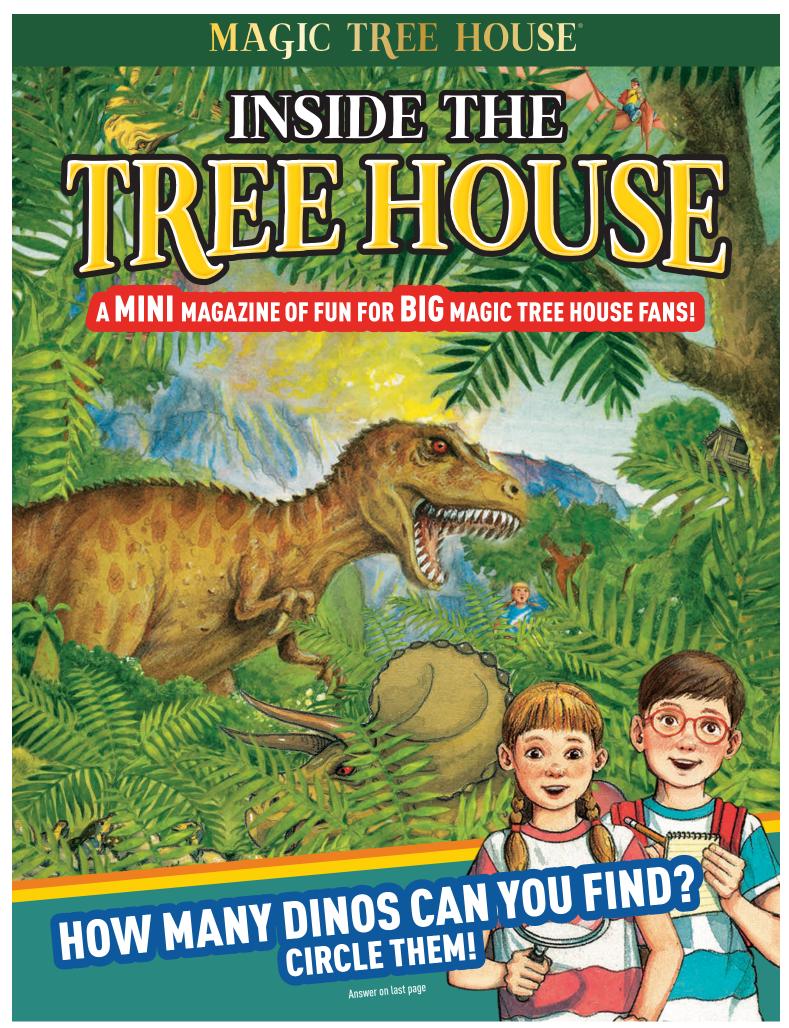
STEP 3:

Once dry, use drawing utensils to draw a face and a design on your dinosaur. Now you've made a dinosaur for the (prehistoric) ages!









VIEWS FROM MARY'S TREE HOUSE



Mary Pope Osborne, Author of the Magic Tree House and Merlin Missions

Q: When did you first start writing the Magic Tree House series, and how many books are there today?

A: I began the series 26 years ago, and today there are over 100 Magic Tree House books, counting all the fiction and the nonfiction Fact Trackers books

Q: Do you have a favorite book, and if so, which one is it?

A: My World War II book meant the most to me: World at War, 1944. It's the longest and most advanced book in the series, and to me, the most exciting.

How did you choose the topic for your new book, Warriors in Winter?

A: I've always wanted to write about an ancient Roman warrior camp. Roman warriors were considered some of the bravest, strongest, and best-trained warriors of all time.

Natalie Pope Boyce, Author of the Magic Tree House Fact Trackers

Which Fact Tracker did you find most interesting to research?

A: I think the most interesting research may have been for an upcoming book on Benjamin Franklin. I thought I knew a lot about him, but there was so much I didn't know—all the years he spent in Paris and London, the languages he taught himself, his inventions! I was in complete awe of this brilliant

Q: Have you ever traveled to do research for a Fact Tracker, and if so, where was the most exciting place you traveled?

A: I haven't traveled a lot just to do research, but having lived in many places has helped my writing. Writing Leprechauns and Irish Folklore was easier because I lived in Ireland. My firsthand knowledge of the Revolutionary War came from having lived near the Yorktown battleground. When I wrote about tsunamis I remembered that they tested the tsunami warning sirens when we lived on the beach in Hawaii.

! What is your favorite winter activity?

A: I love to hear our old house creak and groan in a snowstorm. A good fire in the fireplace, people you can laugh with on a cold winter night, a lovely stew, and reading a great book are my idea of heaven during long winters in the Berkshire Hills.

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whisked away to the frozen Arctic where they meet a seal hunter, Siberian huskies, and a giant polar bear! When they meet their new seal hunter friend, they learn that he "wears sealskin clothing to protect him from icy winds" (13). Seal hunters often live in igloos, which "means 'house' in the language of the native Arctic people. The house is built with . . . dry snow [which] is good wall material because it keeps in the heat. The temperature inside an igloo can be 65 degrees warmer than the temperature outside" (26).



Can you imagine living in an igloo? You would have to cook, sleep, and play all in one small room with the rest of your family. And forget having a TV! Kids in the Arctic would have fun by playing games like Kneel Jump, where they kneel on the floor, then jump forward on their knees. Try that with your friends! If you were in the Arctic, you would also be able to

see the Northern Lights. "The swirl of light is caused by electrically charged particles from the sun striking atoms and molecules in the earth's atmosphere" (50). What colors do you see in this Northern Lights picture?



HOMETOWN HEROES

Kinley Elrod is the winner of our first-ever
Hometown Hero contest. Kinley is from Corydon,
Indiana, and was nominated by her mom, Danielle
Barley. Kinley is dedicated to making patients'
days brighter at Norton Children's Hospital by
running toy drives, gifting homemade pillows
and bears, and starting the organization Kinley's
Helping Hands. What makes Kinley a hometown
hero? She inspires others with the mountains she
moves. At a very young age she has accomplished



so much. Her actions show that no matter where the road has led you, the obstacles that come your way, your age, or even a disability—you can make a difference!



GAMES AND PUZZLES!

Winter Scramble

Unscramble the weather words.

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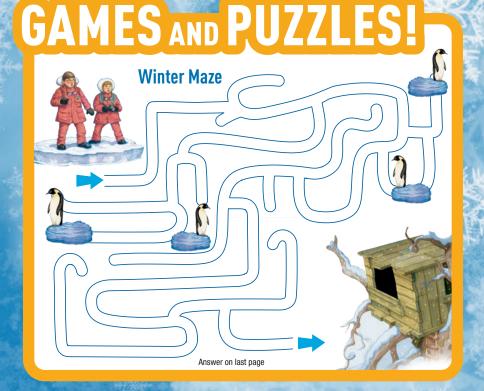
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FACTTRACKER

DID YOU KNOW THESE FACTS?

MALE POLAR BEARS often weigh over one thousand pounds and can grow to eleven feet tall.

Polar bears photo © by Florida Stock Photo/ Shutterstock

PENGUINS have heavy bones, and the extra weight helps them stay underwater.

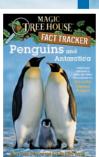
SAINT BERNARDS

were trained to help find lost travelers in the Swiss Alps; they would use their big paws as shovels to dig a stranded person out of the snow!



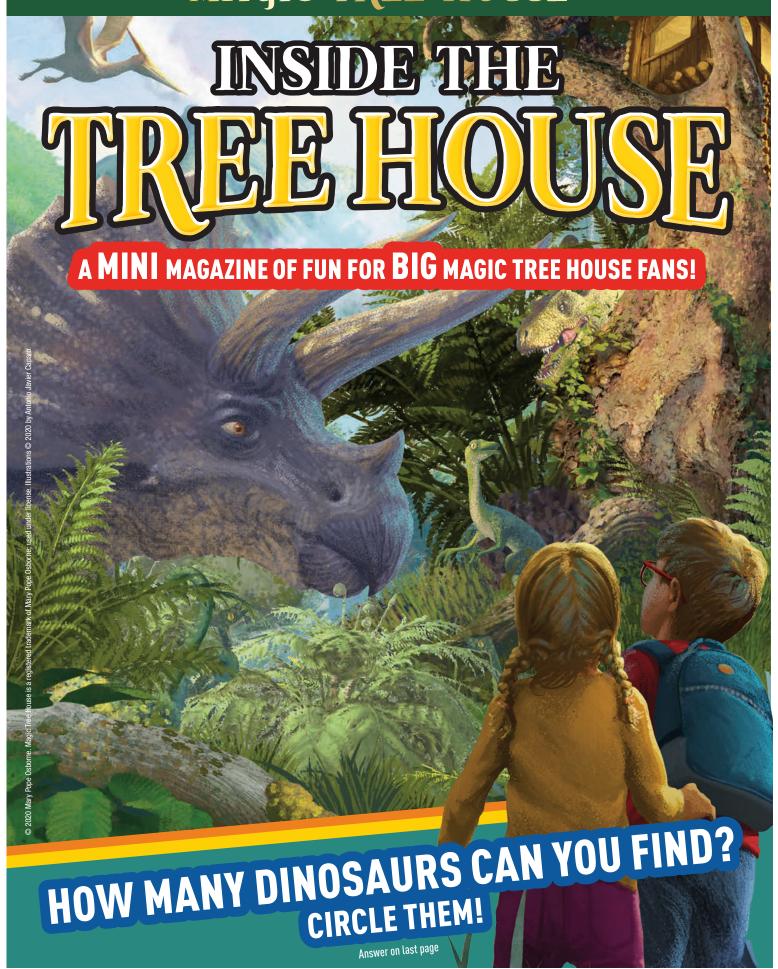






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The first Magic Tree House book, *Dinosaurs Before Dark*, was published almost thirty years ago! How is the new deluxe edition different?

Mary: The new edition has beautiful, full-color illustrations. Grown-ups or older Magic Tree House readers will love to share this with new readers!

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How are your dogs Little Bear and Captain Wilson enjoying their time at home?

Mary: Little Bear and Captain Wilson have been having a ball. Their favorite game is trying to wake me up early in the morning to give them breakfast. They jump around the room, leap on the bed, and squeak their toys. This game is starting earlier and earlier every day.



Hats off to

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BEFORE DARK

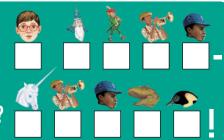


MERLIN'S WIZARD ZONE

Crack the code

Solve the puzzle for Merlin's secret code!

What do you call a sleeping dinosaur?





Answer on last page

ILLUSTRATE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

If you have a favorite Magic Tree House book, have you ever wondered

how it would look fully illustrated? Just like the *Dinosaurs Before Dark Deluxe Edition*, reimagine what YOUR favorite Magic Tree House cover would look like if YOU were the illustrator! Then write a few sentences about why this is your favorite adventure.





Illustrated by

This is my favorite Magic Tree House adventure because _____

CLIMB INTO THE TREE HOUSE WITH JACK AND ANNIE!



Christmas has never been more magical! Travel to Camelot with Jack, Annie, and the magic tree house in this holiday fantasy adventure.

Join Jack and Annie as
they travel back in time—
visit the age of the
dinosaurs, a medieval
castle, ancient pyramids, and
treasure-seeking pirates in this boxed set
perfect for Magic Tree House fans!



Magic. Mystery. Time-travel. Go back to the adventure that started it all with Jack and Annie!

THE KNIGHT AT DAWN UMMIES IN THE MORNING PIRATES PAST NOON

TRIVIA TIME: DINOSAUR EDITION

Think you know all you need to know about dinosaurs? Well, test your brains below!

You can play trivia by yourself or with your family! If you're playing with your family, have someone "host" the trivia night. They can read the questions, you can write down your answers, and the host will let you know the correct answers! Each question can count as a point. The person with the most points wins!

QUESTION 1: Millions of years ago, there was just one continent. What did scientists name the ancient continent?

- A. Oviraptor
- B. Pangaea
- C. Rome
- D. Washington

QUESTION 2: Dinosaurs were ALL what?

- A. Reptiles
- C. Chickens
- **B.** Mammals
- **D.** Insects

QUESTION 3: Scientists refer to the age of dinosaurs as the Mesozoic Era. Which one of these is NOT a period of the Mesozoic Era?

- A. Triassic Period
- C. Cretaceous Period
- **B.** Jurassic Period
- **D.** Age of Enlightenment

QUESTION 4: What is a preserved dinosaur bone, tooth, or footprint called?

- A. Preservative
- B. Savings Bond
- C. Archaeologist
- **D.** Fossil

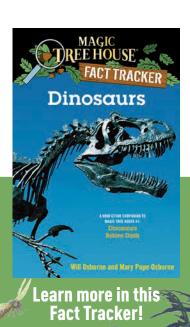
QUESTION 5: Scientists who study fossils are called ______.

- A. Paleontologists
- **B.** Optometrists
- C. PodiatristsD. Neurologists

QUESTION 6: Flesh-eating dinosaurs, like the T. rex.

had flat teeth.

TRUE or FALSE





BANANA SUSHI RECIPE

Scavenger hunts can be exhausting—and make you hungry!

When working
in the kitchen with
sharp objects and
hot appliances, make
sure you have adult
supervision and
help!

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

1 banana

1 tortilla

Peanut butter

STEP 1:

Place the tortilla on a flat surface, and coat it with a thin layer of peanut butter.

STEP 2:

Peel a banana and place it on the tortilla. Wrap the tortilla tightly around it.

Sushi is normally made with raw fish. Not a fan? We've got a fix!

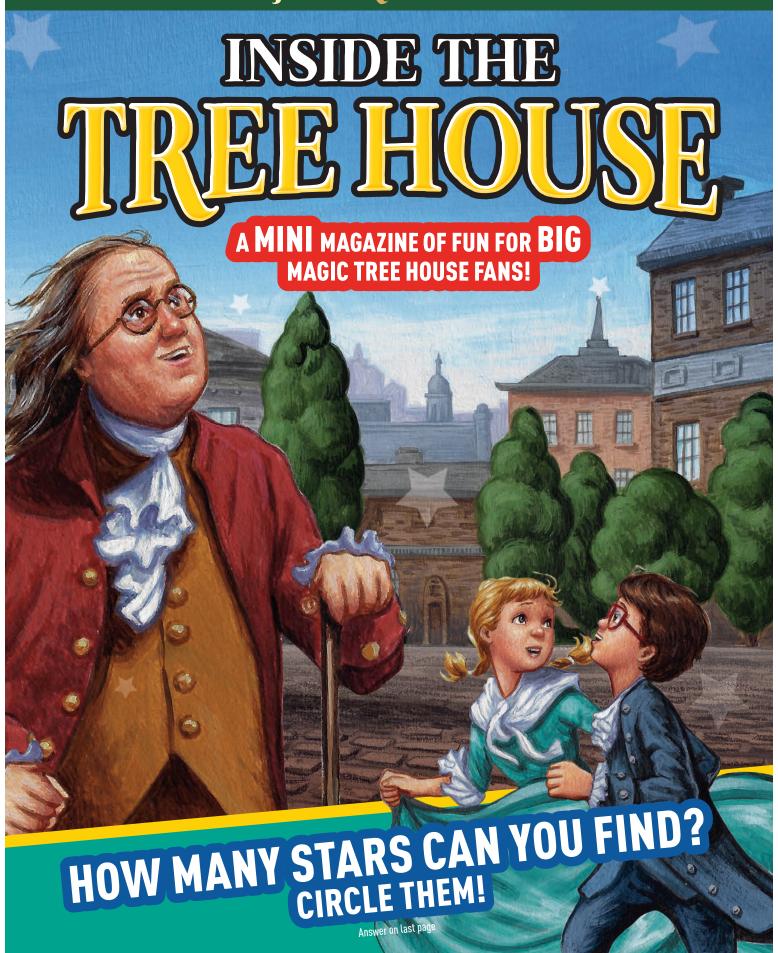
STEP 3:

Spread a small amount of peanut butter along the inside edge of the tortilla to keep it closed.

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With an adult's help, slice the tortilla into one-inch sections, and enjoy!

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Meet Captain Wilson

What about Ben Franklin's life blew you away while you were researching him for the newest Fact Tracker?

Natalie: Ben Franklin was a much bigger genius than I had thought. He was a famous scientist, inventor, and writer, and was the only person to sign all four major documents of the Revolution. And he did all of this with only two years of school!

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Christmas

Gamelot.

A new deluxe edition of Christmas in Camelot will be out in time for the holidays. Will there be more holiday-themed adventures for **Jack and Annie?**

Mary: Yes, I hope so! The new deluxe edition coming out this fall is really exciting, and we have more planned for the future!

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PHILADELPHIA n To the Future, Ben Franklin!, Jack and Annie are whisked away to Old Philadelphia in 1787, where they meet Benjamin

Franklin! When they adventure to find "Doctor Ben," they're told by a gardener that he is "one of the smartest human beings of all time" and that "he once stole thunderbolts right out of the clouds" (p.15). Jack and Annie quickly understand why people love Benjamin Franklin so much: "He's an inventor and a scientist! A diplomat and a writer! A scholar and a businessman" (p.15)! But they have a mission: convince Ben Franklin to sign the Constitution. With the help of their book about

Old Philadelphia, Jack and Annie whisk Ben away to the future to show him the ways of their present-day world and how none of it would be possible if he and other delegates had not signed the Constitution!

What do you think it would be like to come face to face with cars, power lines, computers, air-conditioning, and planes for the first time? Imagine being an adult who has never seen or used a phone before!



Can you think of other inventions that would startle someone from the past? Ben Franklin is stunned by modern inventions, but Jack and Annie know they have to convince him that his actions helped lead to these very successes. Find out if Jack and Annie complete their mission in To the Future, Ben Franklin!

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Connect the Dots Benjamin Franklin used this to help with his 20 research into 19 electricity! Connect the dots to see what it is.

GAMES AND PUZZLES!

DALAI LAMA

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

NELSON MANDELA

SUSAN B ANTHONY

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"JACKIE Robinson

High Time for Heroes

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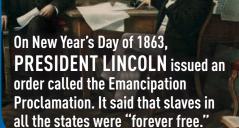
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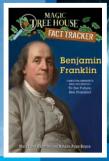
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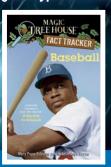


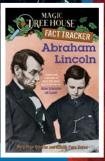
Because of all the work he did for the colonies and the United States, Ben is sometimes called the FIRST AMERICAN.

During a big thunderstorm, in 1752, Ben and his son William stood outside in the rain with a kite, a metal rod, and a metal key. An electrical charge from the storm clouds traveled down the rod and into the key, and thanks to this experiment, the world found out that lightning is a type of electricity.

On April 15, 1947, JACKIE ROBINSON became one of the first black players on a Major League team. Although fans, players, and even some of his own teammates threatened and physically abused him, Jackie never lost his temper. Jackie went on to win the first Rookie of the Year Award for being the best new MLB player.







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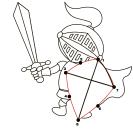
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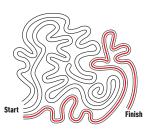
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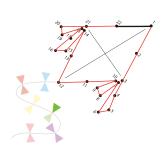
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