

五年级英语上第六周阅读主题：关于国家 第十五课时

文章梗概

故事主人公是美国第一任总统——乔治华盛顿。下面用他三个童年时代的小故事告诉我们乔治有着怎样的品格特征。

故事1：爸爸送给小乔治一把斧头，出于好奇心他砍了爸爸心爱的樱桃树。爸爸很生气，乔治勇敢地承认自己犯的错误。

故事2：乔治参加一场猎狐比赛选中一匹良驹，不料比赛中马伤了脚。妈妈因为心疼马匹决心惩罚马厩管理员，小乔治一马当先承担责任。

故事3：乔治家有一匹野性难驯的良驹。有一天乔治和几个朋友试着驯服他，马匹性格刚烈居然突发急病躺倒在地。乔治顶着被妈妈责骂的压力毅然承认是自己所为。正因为乔治的诚实品质，使他迎来自己事业的成功！

阅 读 任 务

Task 1

Choose the right answers

1) How many stories can you read in this book ?

A. 2 B. 3 C. 4

2) What does the word mean ? George “swung” his hatchet .

A) 击打 B) 抡起 C) 摇摆

3) George’s mother got angry at the stableman .

A)

B)

C)



Answer: B B C

Task 2

Read the stories and number the pictures.



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Answer: 1 2 4 5 3 6

Task 3

1) Do you think honesty is important for a person? Please write your idea.

你认为诚实是很重要的品质吗？请写出你的观点。

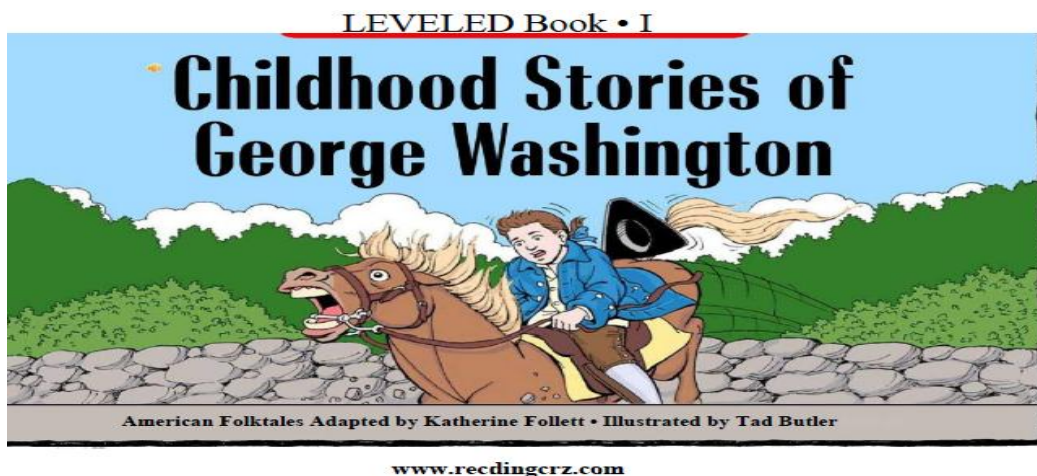
2) Try to write a story about honesty between you and your friends.

请尝试写一写发生在你和朋友间关于诚实的小故事。

Answer:

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原文



Childhood Stories of George Washington



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George Washington was America's first president.

You can see his picture on the dollar bill.

There are many stories about George Washington's childhood.



- The most famous story is about a cherry tree.
One day, George's father gave him a little hatchet.
George wanted to try it out.
The trees in the woods looked too big.

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- But there was a pretty cherry tree in the garden.
George swung his hatchet.
He chopped the tree down, *crash!*
Then he went off to play.

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- George's father was very angry when he saw the tree.
"Who cut down my beautiful tree?" he said.
If George didn't say anything, no one would know.
But George said, "I did, and I cannot tell a lie."

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- Another story is about a horse.
One morning, George went to the stable.
He asked the stableman to give him the best horse.
The stableman was afraid, but he gave George the horse.



- George took the horse out.
He joined a big fox hunt.
But the horse hurt its foot.



- George's mother saw the limping horse.
She got very angry at the stableman.
She was going to punish him harshly.
But George said, "I made him do it, Mother."



- Here is another horse story.
George's mother had a wild horse.
No one knew how to ride it.
George and his friends decided to try.

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- George hopped on the horse.
The horse bucked and tumbled.
George hung on tight.

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- But the horse had a bad heart.
The horse fell over and couldn't get up.
George and his friends were very upset.
They didn't want to hurt the horse.

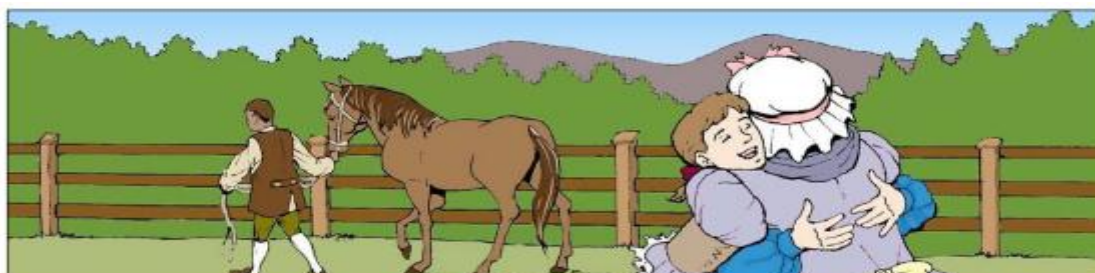
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George's mother came home.
 She asked about the horse.
 "I'm so sorry. I hurt the horse," George said.
 George's mother was mad.

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- But she was also proud of George.
 It takes courage to admit that
 you have done something wrong.
 George Washington was very honest.
 Honesty helped him become America's first president.

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