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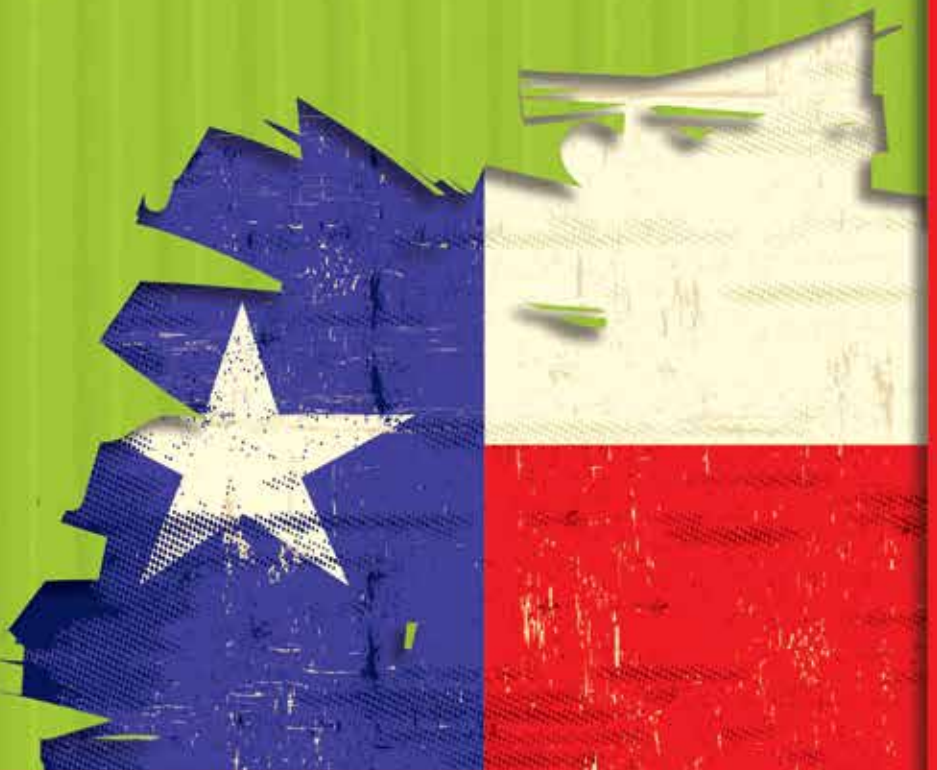
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# Paul Bunyan

**Directions:** Read this story and respond to the questions on pages 49–51.

- 1 Five storks delivered a huge baby to the Bunyans. They lived in Bangor, Maine. The parents named him Paul.
- 2 To fill Paul's bottle, the Bunyans milked 24 cows from sunrise to sunset. For breakfast, Paul ate 10 barrels of porridge.
- 3 Paul destroyed forests as he rolled around in his sleep. So his parents built a raft and let the napping baby float in the ocean. But Paul turned over and caused a tidal wave. The Bunyans realized the eastern United States was too small for Paul. They moved to Minnesota.
- 4 One day when he was a young man, Paul saw a tiny blue ox struggling to climb a snowdrift. Paul took the ox home and warmed him by the fire. Even once the ox warmed up, it remained blue. Paul decided to call him Babe the Blue Ox.
- 5 Babe grew to unreal proportions. It took a whole day for a bird to fly from one of his horns to the other! Babe ate 30 bales of hay just as a snack.
- 6 Babe helped Paul with his job as a lumberjack. They left their mark wherever they roamed. As they stomped around Minnesota, they made giant footprints in the ground. Rain filled their tracks. And that is how the state's famous 10,000 lakes were formed.



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# Paul Bunyan *(cont.)*

**Directions:** Read each question carefully. Record the correct answer on your answer sheet.

1 Which detail shows just how much Paul's parents are willing to do for him?

- A They get him an ox.
  - B They move to Minnesota so he can have more space.
  - C They ask storks for a baby.
  - D They want him to be a lumberjack.
- 

2 What genre is the Paul Bunyan story?

- F A fable
  - G A mystery
  - H A nursery rhyme
  - J A folktale
- 

3 How are Paul and Babe similar?

- A They are both from Bangor, Maine.
- B They are both very big.
- C They both drink a lot of milk.
- D They both move to Minnesota.

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## Paul Bunyan *(cont.)*

- 4 What does it mean that Babe grew to unreal proportions?
- F Babe was very tiny.
  - G Babe caused a tidal wave when he walked.
  - H Babe ate a lot of food.
  - J Babe grew so large it is hard to imagine.
- 
- 5 Which sentence describes Babe's size?
- A *Even once the ox warmed up, it remained blue.*
  - B *Babe helped Paul with his job as a lumberjack.*
  - C *It took a whole day for a bird to fly from one of his horns to the other.*
  - D *They left their mark wherever they roamed.*
- 
- 6 The purpose of the illustration is most likely —
- F to show that Paul's family lives in a log cabin
  - G to show that Babe is Paul's friend
  - H to show how much bigger Paul and Babe are compared to everything else
  - J to show that Paul likes being a lumberjack



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## Paul Bunyan *(cont.)*

7 Which detail from the story provides evidence that it is fictional?

- A Paul cut down trees.
  - B An ox helped Paul work.
  - C Paul ate 10 barrels of porridge for breakfast.
  - D Paul had a family.
- 

8 Which of the following characteristics of a baby is fictional?

- F Drinks milk
- G Delivered by a stork
- H Takes naps
- J Has parents

