



BOOK REVIEW

Title: _____

Author: _____

Illustrator: _____

Publishing Company: _____

What was your favorite part of the book? _____

Whose hobby do you like better, Delmore's or Loretta's? Why? _____

Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not? _____

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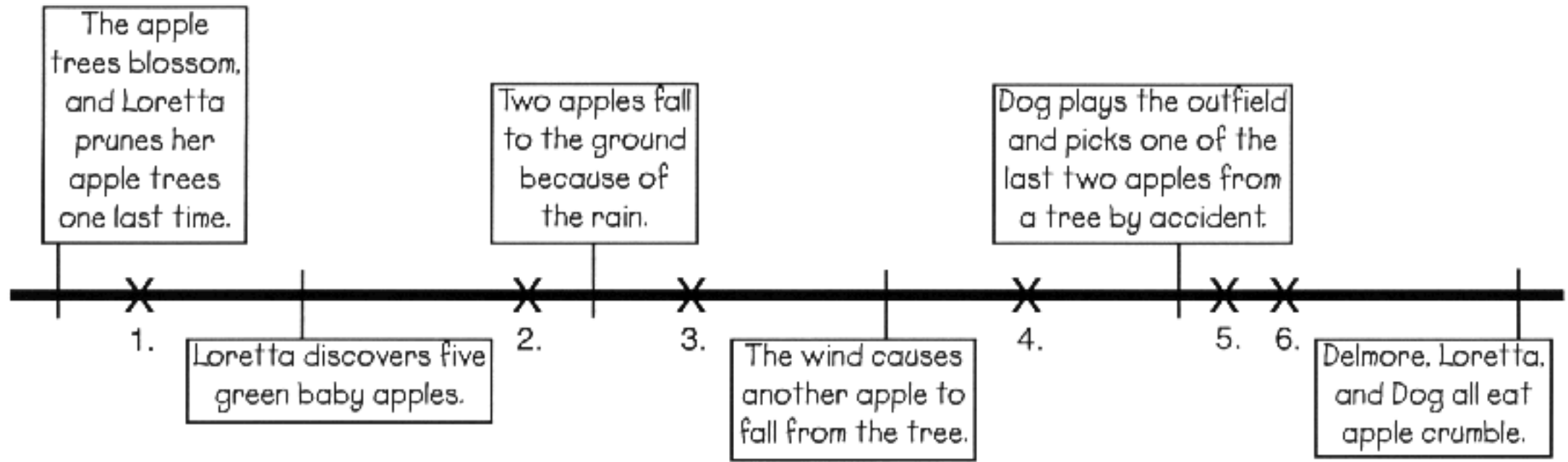




READING COMPREHENSION



The numbers on the timeline correspond to events described in the sentences below. Figure out where the events belong on the timeline, and write the correct numbers in the spaces provided.



- ___ Delmore keeps practicing and hits an almost straight-ahead ball.
- ___ Delmore pounds a plumbing pipe into the ground so he can focus on hitting a straight-ahead ball.
- ___ Delmore looks at his mother's last apple hanging in a tree before he hits the ball.
- ___ Delmore strikes out at his last baseball game of the season.
- ___ Delmore learns to make an "L" with his elbows when holding the bat and finally masters the straight-ahead fly ball.
- ___ The ball hits Loretta's apple off the tree.

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VOCABULARY

Look at each word below and decide if the word is used in gardening or baseball. Then write the words in the correct category.

Baseball

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Gardening

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

mulch
to catch
outfield
spade
bat

slugger
to strike out
wheel barrow
to prune
grounder

bough
roots
fair ball
shears
bud

sidelines
compost
orchard
to swing
mitt

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COMPREHENSION



Delmore and his mother, Loretta, are alike and different in many ways. Use the Venn Diagram below to show some of these ways. For example, Loretta likes to grow apples, but Delmore likes to *smash the apple*. Can you think of what they both like to do with apples? Then think of three more ways in which Delmore and Loretta are alike and different.

LORETTA

DELMORE

1. Loretta likes to grow apples.

1. Delmore likes to smash the apple.

1. They both

like to

2. _____

2. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. _____

3. _____

4. _____

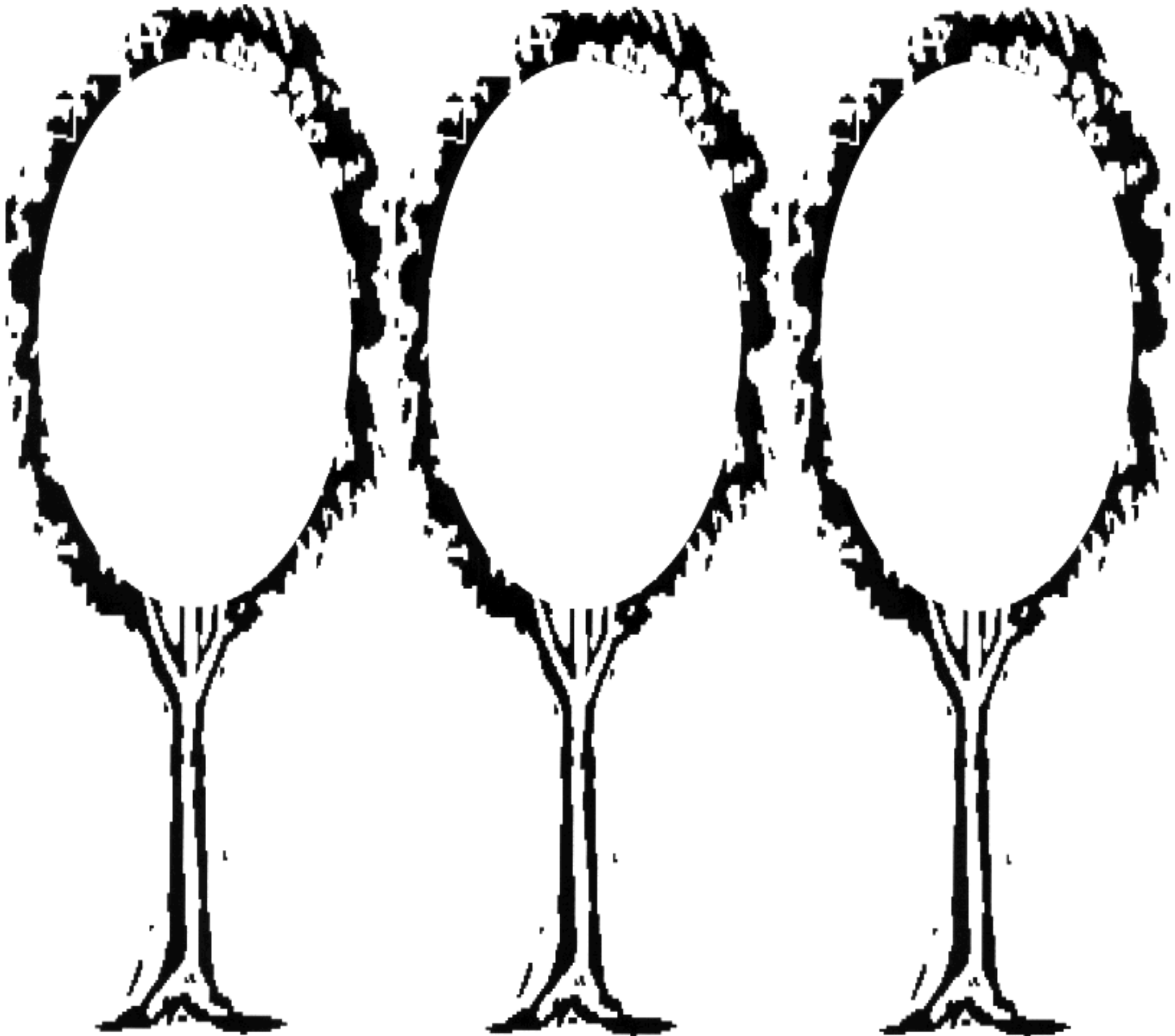
4. _____

4. _____



READING APPLICATION

Loretta planted three apple trees: One for the past, one for the present, and one for the future. Think about one thing you learned to do last year, one thing you are learning to do now, and one thing you might learn to do next year. Then draw them in the trees below.





THINKING SKILLS

Delmore and Loretta work on their favorite hobbies a lot. Close your eyes and think of a scene when Delmore is working hard to hit a fair ball and Loretta is working hard to grow some apples. Picture it in your mind like a photograph. Imagine that you have the photograph in your hand and that you're looking at it. Now answer the following questions about it.

1. **Where** are Loretta and Delmore working? _____

2. **What** are they each doing?

Loretta: _____

Delmore: _____

3. **What** do you see around them? (Is there someone watching Loretta and Delmore?) _____

4. **How** do Loretta and Delmore feel? Why? _____

5. What **details** can you remember about the scene?

Sounds: _____

Smells: _____

Touch: _____

Tastes: _____

Sights (sizes, colors, shapes): _____