



Lesson Plan Summary

Magic Tree House #7: Sunset of the Sabertooth

Fact Tracking with Jack

Write a mini-research report using Sunset of the Sabertooth and the Ice Age Fact Tracker

EACH STUDENT WILL:	COMMON CORE STANDARDS ADDRESSED:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a mini-research report using the Jack's Facts worksheet • Track and write favorite facts from the fiction book and non-fiction companion. • Draw a diagram, illustration, or map. • Make an acrostic poem using the pertinent vocabulary words. 	<p>READING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading comprehension • Setting • Main idea and details • Sequencing • Conclusion • Re-tell the story <p>WRITING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research to build and present knowledge. • Show the relationship of words in an acrostic poem. • Draw an illustration or map and label details with words. • Participate in shared research and writing projects.

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As an extension to this lesson, refer to Cluster 2 - Backpack Journals. Use all four books in this cluster to further develop into a book study or book club.

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Fact Tracking with Jack

Being creative with the facts
**A mini-research report*

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Sunset of the Sabertooth
- Ice Age Fact Tracker (formerly called The Research Guide)
- Copy of Jack Fact's notebook page (included)
- Crayons, markers or colored pencils

DIRECTIONS:

- Tri-fold the "Jack's Facts" notebook page like a brochure with the writing showing on top.
- **First column** – The student writes his/her three favorite facts next to the WOW, UNBELIEVABLE, and INTERESTING bullets on the page.
- **Middle column** – The student draws a diagram, illustration, map, or any other creation of his/her choice using the factual information in the book.
- **Last column** – The student makes an acrostic poem. Acrostic poems are a creative way to show the understanding and relationships of vocabulary words learned from the book. The finished product is a mini-research report. (See the answer key for an example)



Collect a *Jack's Facts* for each of the four books read in the cluster and store in **THE BACKPACK**.
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Jack's Facts

List your 3 favorite facts.

WOW!

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UNBELIEVABLE!

1

INTERESTING!

1

Jack's Facts

Draw a diagram, illustration, or map

Jack's Facts

Make an acrostic poem.

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Jack's Facts

List your 3 favorite facts.

WOW!

- The most famous fossil site is at the La Brea Tar Pits in Los Angeles.

UNBELIEVABLE!

- Sabertooth's teeth are 9 inches long.

INTERESTING!

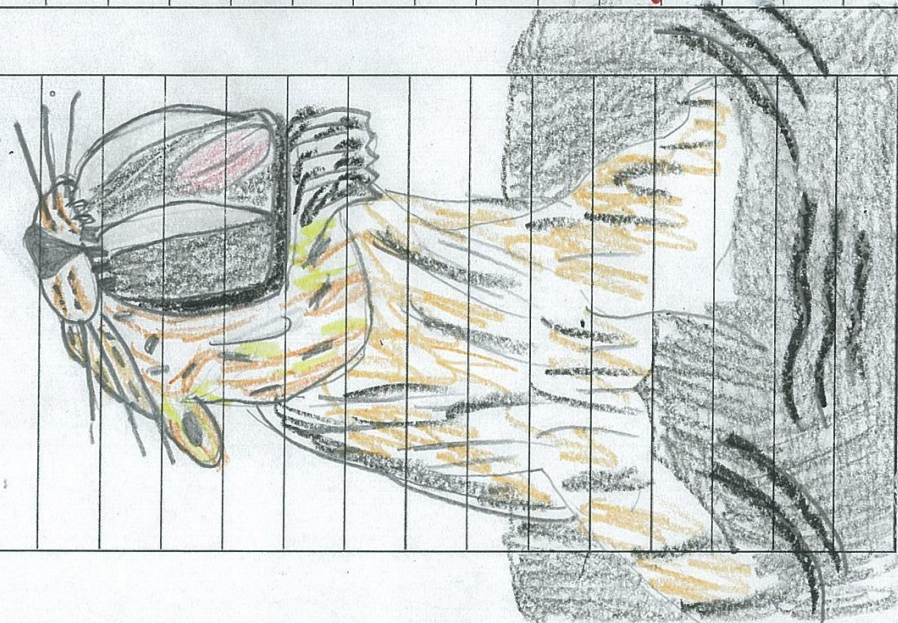
- Sabers are very sharp knives.
This is how the cat got its name.

SAMPLE (answers will vary)

Jack's Facts

Draw a diagram, illustration, or map

Stuck in the Tar-pits



Jack's Facts

Make an acrostic poem.

Saber
Archeologists
Bones
Extinct
Retractable Claws
Tar pits
On the cliffs
Over 600 Pounds
Three feet tall
Hunters
Smilodon