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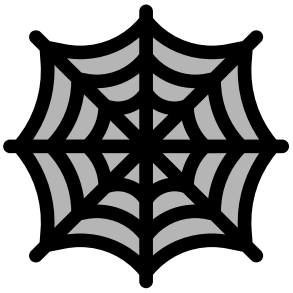
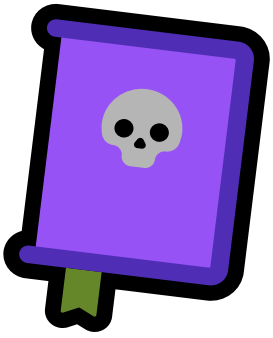


Cabinet of Curiosities



Student Booklet

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Introduction

Do You Know the Story Behind the Cabinet of Curiosities?

In a way, curiosity cabinets were the world's first museums, emerging during the Renaissance period. Collectors and other people who were passionate about history and the wonders of the world curated some truly unique and, at times, bizarre objects.

These extraordinary collections featured antiques, art that was very old or strange, taxidermied animals, fossils, maps of the world, and creatures that seemed to have stepped straight out of a fantasy. These fascinating finds were often organized in illustrated catalogs that contained descriptions and hypotheses as to their use and creation.

Writing activity:

1. Choose an unusual object from the display in the curiosity cabinet that's illustrated on the next page.
2. Make an outline for each part of the text, using the template provided as a guide. At this point, you only need to write down your ideas using keywords, not complete sentences. If you're working in pairs, talk to your partner about the points in your respective outlines.
3. Write about the chosen object, following the structure of a descriptive text.
4. Once you've finished writing your text, use the checklist to make sure you've included all the necessary elements.
5. When you're happy with your text, use the revision guide to correct it.

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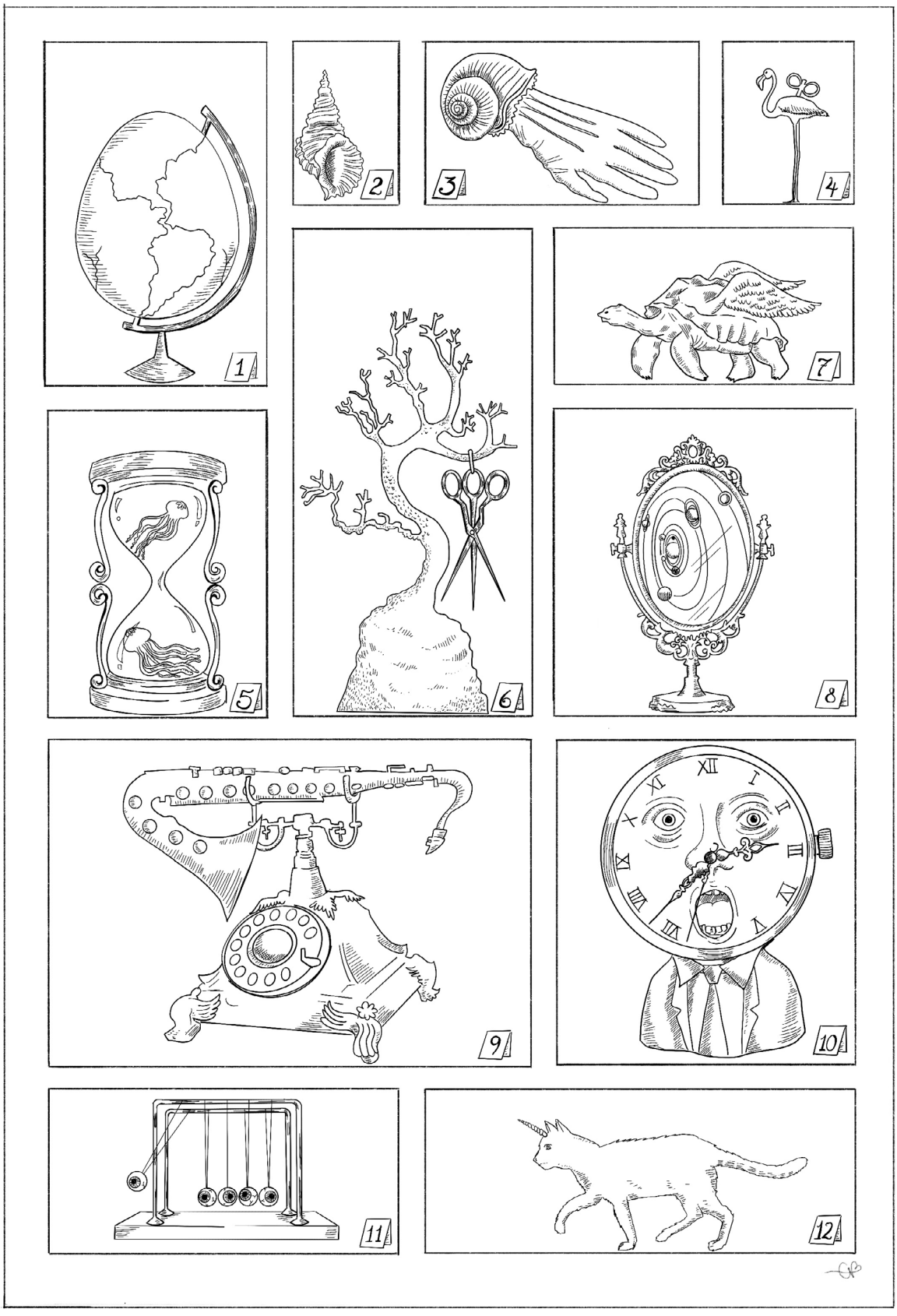
Cabinet of Curiosities



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Text outline

Selected object: No. _____

Here's an outline to help you structure your ideas into a draft. Use the completed outline to write your descriptive text. An expository text, such as an informative or explanatory text, is often divided into three parts: introduction, development, and conclusion.

If you have several ideas, write them all down and pick the one you like best.

Remember that for your outline, you only need to list your ideas using keywords, not complete sentences.

Part	Ideas
Introduction This is the beginning of the text. It gives readers an idea of what will be presented in the text and gets them interested in reading it. An introduction could include the following elements: • A sentence that grabs the reader's attention • A presentation of the topic • An overview of the elements of the text	
Development This is where your ideas are developed in detail.	
Conclusion This is the end of the text. It summarizes the key information and brings the subject to a close.	

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Writing Space

Introduction

Development

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Conclusion

Checklist

Now that you've finished writing your text, make sure it contains all the necessary elements by checking off the items below.

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Did I...	
Present the topic in the introduction?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Present the various elements in detail in the development section?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Briefly review the important elements of the text in the conclusion?	☐ Yes ☐ No

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