

# Passport to New Worlds Reading



Grades K - 1



**Dear Explorer,**

Are you ready for an awesome adventure? Every month, you'll discover, explore, and learn about fascinating new places right here in your sunny home state of Florida!

You'll have tons of fun along the way as you:

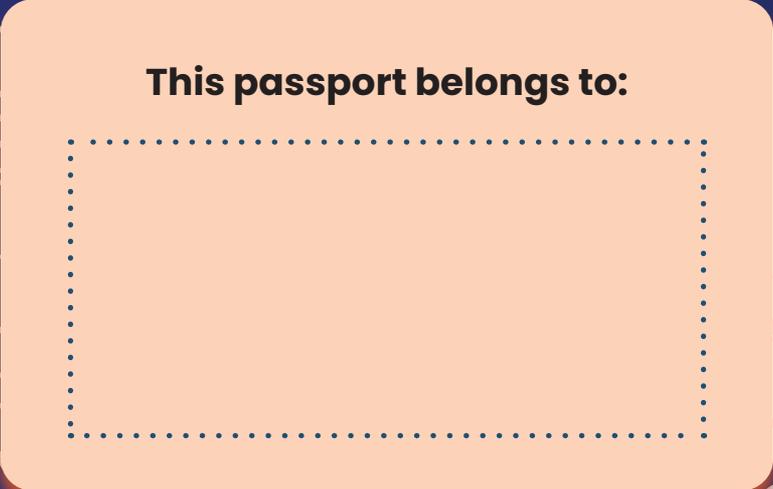
- Enjoy a new activity each month.
- Talk about what you learn with your friends and family.
- Collect a special sticker stamp for every new place you visit.

Be sure to check that you have everything you need because your journey starts right now!

Happy travels,

**From your friends at  
New Worlds Reading**

**This passport belongs to:**



## Get Ready to Read!

Guess what? When your new book comes each month, it's super exciting! And guess what else? Here's a special list to help you begin your reading adventure just right!

### My Reading Checklist

- I act like a book detective:**
  - I look at the title, pictures, and the pages inside the book.
  - I say what I already know about the topic of the book.



- I think about what I am reading:**
  - As I read, I think about what will happen next.
  - I use text features, like pictures, labels, and big words in books, to help me understand what I read.



- I ask questions:**
  - How can I use the new words I have learned from my book?
  - How is this book the same as or different from my life?



## Ready, Set, Tag!

Explorer, you'll be ready to go right after you fill in the front and back of your luggage tag. You'll need it to make sure all your stuff can find its way back to you in case your bag gets lost.

Passenger Name:  
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Age:  
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Departing from:  
\_\_\_\_\_ , Florida

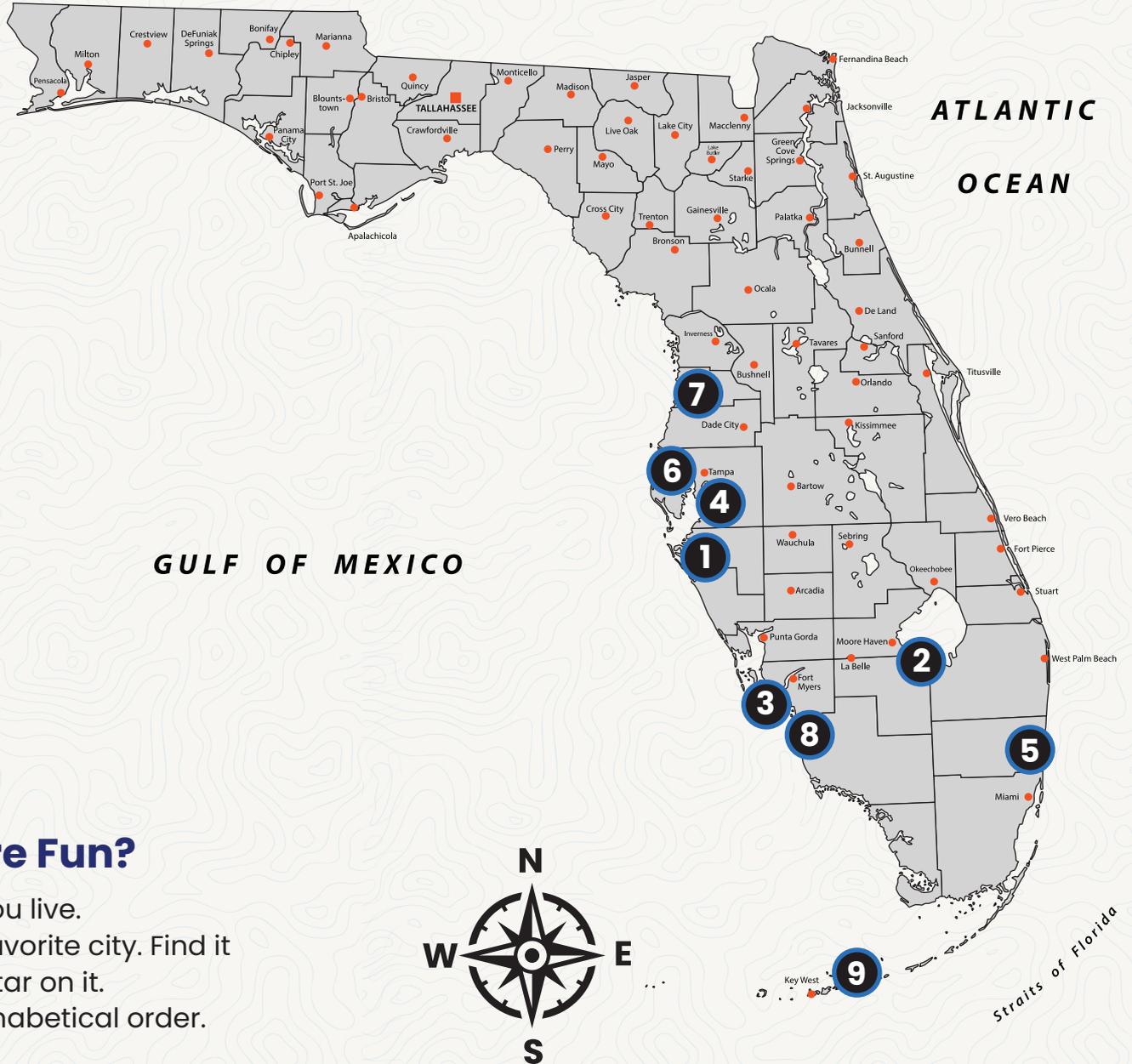
(where you live)

This is me.

# Keep a Travel Log

Use the map to locate the city you visit each month. Put a checkmark in the box once you visit.

- 1. Sarasota
- 2. Clewiston
- 3. Naples
- 4. Apollo Beach
- 5. Fort Lauderdale
- 6. Clearwater
- 7. Spring Hill
- 8. Sanibel
- 9. The Florida Keys



# Ready for Even More Fun?

- Circle a city near where you live.
- Ask an adult about their favorite city. Find it on the map, and draw a star on it.
- Sort the city names in alphabetical order.

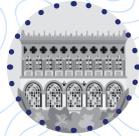
# October

**Fun Place:** Myakka River State Park

**Fun Fact:** There's a sinkhole in the river called Deep Hole that's almost 300 feet wide and 130 feet deep. It's a well-known spot where alligators huddle in very large numbers every day. Beware!

Climb about one hundred steps to reach the Myakka Canopy Walkway for a close-up view of eagles, vultures, and other wildlife! Then take a close look at October's book.

Show what happens in the beginning and middle. How would you change the ending?



In the beginning of the book ...

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\_\_\_\_\_

In the middle of the book ...

\_\_\_\_\_

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I would change the ending by ...

\_\_\_\_\_

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Tired from climbing all those stairs? Don't worry! At your next destination, your five senses will do all the work!

# Sarasota

# November

**Fun Place:** Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation

**Fun Fact:** It's a really huge place—almost twice as large as Disney World!

Big Cypress is home to the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and 600 people from the Seminole Tribe. Its mile-long boardwalk takes you on a winding journey through the Everglades.

Write, say, or show what you might see, smell, hear, touch, and imagine tasting on this adventure.



**See:** Circle the tallest tree. What colors do you see? \_\_\_\_\_

**Smell:** Close your eyes, and take a deep sniff. What do you smell? \_\_\_\_\_

**Hear:** Shh! Listen carefully. Is that a bird singing or leaves rustling in the breeze? You decide. \_\_\_\_\_

**Touch:** Imagine holding a feather in one hand and a leaf in the other. What do you notice about how they feel? \_\_\_\_\_

**Taste:** Imagine you're a bear looking for juicy berries. What do the berries taste like? \_\_\_\_\_



Brace yourself! Your senses of sight and smell are in for a sensory surprise at your next stop!

# December

**Fun Place:** Naples Botanical Garden

**Fun Fact:** Some plant species at the Botanical Garden are so old that they lived during the time of the dinosaurs. Imagine that! Real-life dinosaur plants!

Prepare to be wowed by amazing birds, bees, butterflies, and blooms. Your senses will come alive at Naples Botanical Garden!

Be a word explorer. Read the word list out loud. Then find and circle the words in the puzzle.

# Naples



# January

**Fun Place:** TECO Manatee Viewing Center at the Florida Conservation and Technology Center

**Fun Fact:** Manatees are also called sea cows because they eat plants all day, just like cows do on land!

# Apollo Beach



Watch mighty manatees gather in groups as these gentle giants hang out with their friends, enjoying Florida's warm winter waters.

Create a story about a manatee's adventure. Draw and write about what happens first, next, then, and last.

## Word List

~~the~~, and, plant, flower, sun, soil, birds, like, see, went, little, big

Word search puzzle with words in colored boxes:

- the (orange oval)
- see (green)
- like (brown)
- at (blue)
- a (red)
- at (orange)
- in (blue)
- little (black)
- flower (purple)
- in (green)
- like (red)
- soil (orange)
- at (yellow)
- do (light green)
- went (yellow)
- sun (dark blue)
- birds (teal)
- plant (blue)
- all (light green)
- big (purple)
- do (yellow)
- all (green)
- and (orange)

First ...	Next ...
Then ...	Last ...



I'm big, gentle, and love warm water. I eat plants all day and have no teeth. What sea creature am I? Discover me in next month's reading adventure!

Enjoyed mingling with the manatees? Excited for your next adventure, discovering real-life stories of courage and heroes? OK, let's go!

# February

**Fun Place:** African American Research Library and Cultural Center  
**Fun Fact:** In the library, there's a big theater with 300 seats! You can see marvelous movies about the astounding achievements of famous American people who are of African descent.

At the library, you can read books about American heroes who acted bravely by standing up for fairness.



What does it mean to be brave? Share your opinion about being bold and brave like the American heroes in the books.

In my opinion, being brave means...

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It is important to be brave because...

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I am brave when I...

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Your trip next month is to a place in West Central Florida where the water is clear. Can you guess its name?

# Fort Lauderdale

# March

**Fun Place:** Moccasin Lake Nature Park  
**Fun Fact:** The park has a bird hospital where sick and injured birds of prey get special care and attention until they are well enough to fly again!

Escape the midday sun; stroll the shaded trail; explore a butterfly garden; and maybe encounter a bald eagle or two!



Choose a word from the word bank to match each clue.

**Word Bank:**  
 tree  
 eagle  
 lake  
 snake  
 trail  
 butterfly  
 birds



A big bird with a bald head	eagle
A group of feathery friends that flies high in the sky	
A watery place where an alligator lives	
A path for nature walks	
A leafy friend that is tall and woody	
A colorful flying garden insect	
A wiggly reptile found in the grass	

Answer Key: eagle, birds, lake, trail, tree, butterfly, snake

Grab your swimwear! You'll need it for next month's wet, wonderful, and wild water adventure!

# April

**Fun Place:** Weeki Wachee Springs State Park  
**Fun Fact:** You can watch “real” mermaids performing an underwater show in a magical underwater theater!

There’s so much to do at Weeki Wachee! Will you pick kayaking, tubing, or another adventure first? Did you know mermaids love reading? And, they’re excited to learn about you!



Share a bit about yourself in a letter.

# Spring Hill

# May

**Fun Place:** J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge

**Fun Fact:** This refuge is like a giant hotel where rare birds from all over the world take a safe and restful break on their long trips, surrounded by beautiful scenery and protected by caring humans.

Create your own rare bird that lives in the “Ding” Darling Refuge. Think about its colors, what it likes to eat, and where in the refuge it might like to stay. Draw your bird, and name it!



# Sanibel

Heading (your address)

Date

Greeting (Dear...)

Body (Write a bit about yourself.)

Closing (Yours sincerely,)

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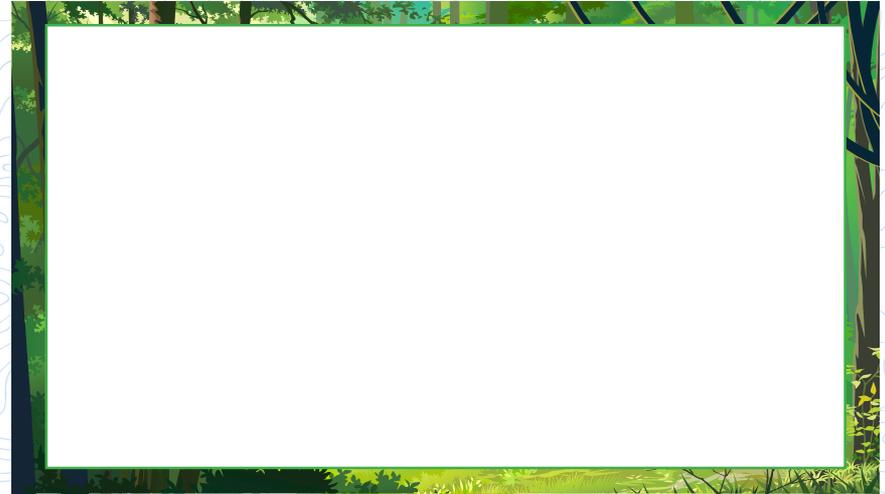
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Write the name of your bird.

## All About My Bird

- What color is it? \_\_\_\_\_
- What food does it like? \_\_\_\_\_
- Where is its nest? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you soaking wet from exploring Weeki Wachee waters? It’s time to dry off because some special feathered friends can’t wait to meet you next month!

Go from making your own bird creations to the sunny Florida Keys. Make sure to pack some snacks; it’s a long journey to next month’s adventure!

# June

# The Florida Keys

# Home Sweet Home!

**Fun Place:** Key West

**Fun Fact:** At the bottom of Florida's map are 800 keys, which comes from the Spanish word *cayo*, meaning *small island*. If you visited one each day, it'd take you more than two years to see them all!

Key West has clear blue waters, perfect for swimming and spotting colorful fish. You can explore a real fort and eat yummy key lime pie!



Use the clues to guess the words!

**Choices:** fl, ch, igh, cr, sw, sh

Clues	Answers
 Waves in the wind and shows colors for a team or state	f l a g
 A bright light that comes from the sky during the day	s u n l _ _ _ t
 Something you do in the water	_ _ i m
 Water animals that have fins and tails	f i _ _
 A sea creature with a hard shell	_ _ a b
 A sandy shore by the ocean	b e a _ _

Answer Key: flag, sunlight, swim, fish, crab, beach

After swimming with the fish and splashing at the beach, it's time to head home. Take a nap on your journey home, and have sweet dreams about your next adventure!

Welcome back, Traveler! Did you have fun discovering new and exciting places on your trip around Florida? Pick one place you would like to visit again, and send a postcard to a friend to say why it is your favorite place.



Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

My favorite place to visit was \_\_\_\_\_.

I liked it because \_\_\_\_\_.

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To: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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