

Passport to New Worlds Reading



Grades 4 – 5

This passport belongs to:



Welcome, Traveler!



A passport is a document that guides you from country to country while traveling. This passport is designed to help you **READ** across the world ...

Have fun each month!

- Mark off the places you travel with a passport sticker.
- Spark your imagination about the world.
- Find new ways to interact with the books you read.

Don't let the fun stop there. Extend your journey outside of the passport!

- Explore the activities, and share them with others.
- Tour on your own; check out a book from the library.
- Search an online map, and find pictures of each destination.

Keep this passport ready, and prepare to travel to a new country each month!

Pack Your Bags—Get Ready to Read Across the World!

Here are a few of the things you will need to prepare for your reading journey!

A comfortable place: It's easier to read when your body is comfortable.



Quiet time: Reading is most fun when you are free from distractions.



Curiosity: Ask questions, and record your “wonderings.” Think about making connections between what you already know and the books you read.



A traveling partner: Share your books and what you're reading with others. Ask them questions, or share your favorite parts.



Book Travel History

Before you travel into a new book, take a look at where you have been.

Favorite book character:

Most interesting location:

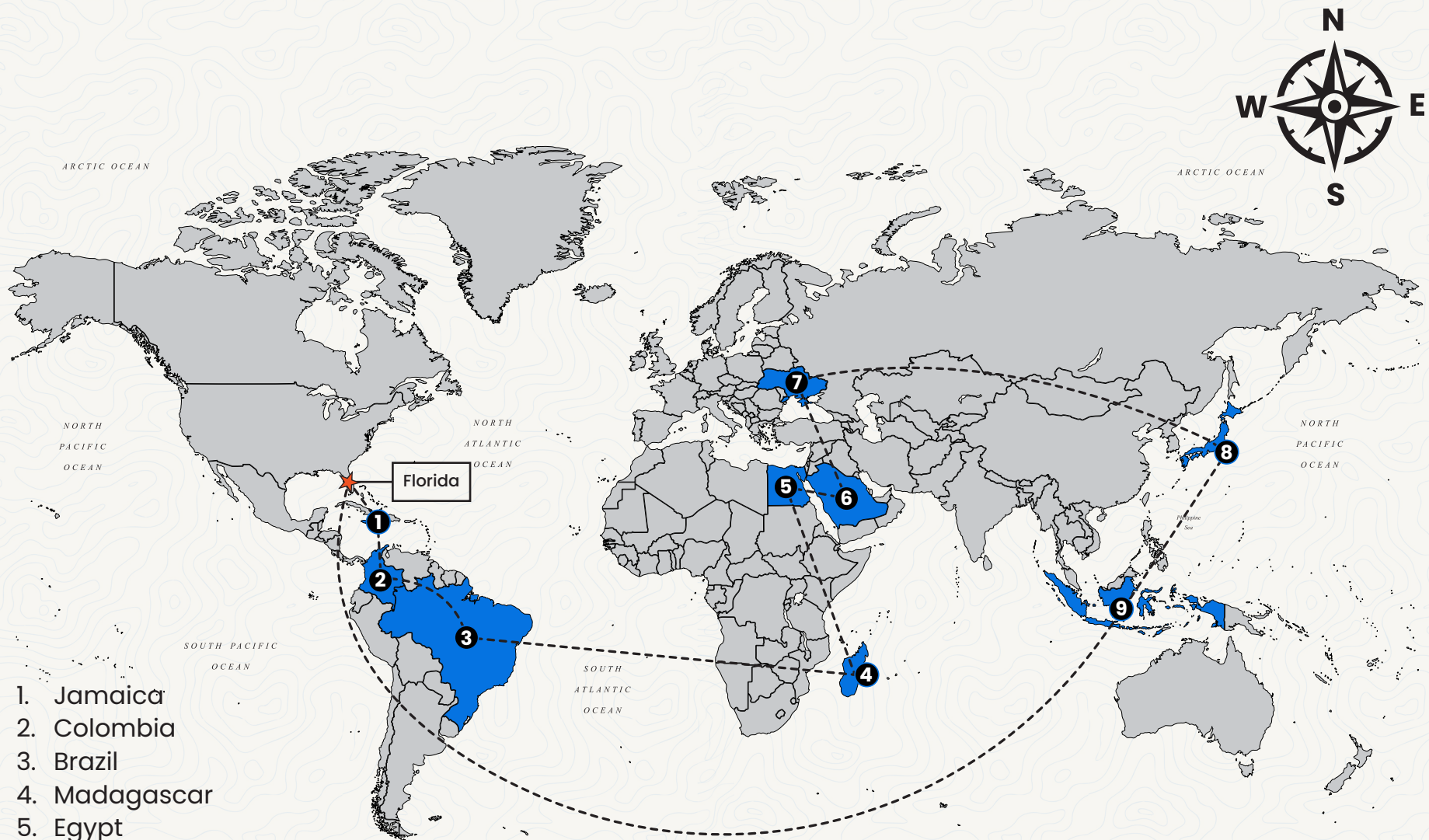
Book with the best facts:

Book with the best cover:

Book that made me laugh out loud:

Most exciting book:

The most important thing to have in any book is:

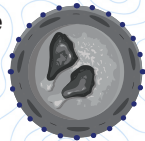


1. Jamaica
2. Colombia
3. Brazil
4. Madagascar
5. Egypt
6. Saudi Arabia
7. Ukraine
8. Japan
9. Indonesia

October

Location: Third-largest island of the 700 in the Caribbean, just south of Cuba
Languages: English, Jamaican Patois
Must See: Jamaica Carnival
Animals: Look out for the "doctor bird," a two-tailed hummingbird.

Jamaica is the birthplace of reggae, ska, and dancehall music. After you taste some of the spicy jerk chicken, get ready to dance and enjoy Jamaica Carnival! Carnival is a week-long celebration featuring parties, parades, and concerts.



Jamaica has a lot of personality, just like the characters in your latest read. While you're enjoying the sights and sounds of Jamaica, grab a pencil and paper; think about your favorite book character while you answer these questions.

Describe or draw the character:

What is their personality?
How would you describe their character traits?

What is their favorite saying?

What is their favorite food?

How would you change the character if you were the author?

Time to get on an airplane and fly south across the Caribbean Sea to a sparkling destination!

Jamaica

November

Location: Crossing the equator, South America
Primary Language: Spanish
Must See: Bogotá's Gold Museum with over 34,000 gold pieces, some over 2,500 years old!
Animals: Search out capybaras, the largest living rodents!

Mountains, deserts, beaches, and rainforest—Colombia has it all! But there's more than just nature here. Visit the capital city of Bogotá to experience rich history and culture. Top it all off with a visit to the Gold Museum.



Speaking of gold, would you give your last read a gold star, or could it use some more shine and polish? Give your book the stars it deserves, and write a review. Tell the world why you loved the book or what you would have done to make it amazing.



Have you been dazzled by Colombia? Rest your eyes on the flight to your next destination!

Colombia

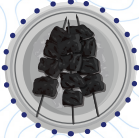


December

Location: The largest country in South America, home of the Amazon River Basin
Primary Language: Portuguese
Must See: Iguazu Falls
Animals: Look for slow sloths, stealthy jaguars, and rare Amazon river dolphins!

There are about 400 billion trees in the Amazon River Basin and 10% of the world's species of animals. Brazil is a wild place! Explore the amazing Iguazu Falls, over 200 feet tall and over 1.25 miles wide.

Brazil



Brazil is a colorful place. Imagine if your latest read was set in Brazil. How would changing the setting, or the place where the story takes place, change the story?

Rewrite your favorite scene from the book, but change the setting:

Time to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. Your next destination has more wilderness to explore but not as much water.

January

Location: An island in the Indian Ocean, southeast of Africa
Primary Languages: Malagasy, French
Must See: Baobab trees and wild orchids
Animals: Look for ring-tailed lemurs, chameleons, fossas, and aye-ayes.

Not every word is one of a kind. Words that mean the same thing—or almost the same thing—as another word are called *synonyms*. Draw a line to show the synonyms for each colored word in the grid!

huge	vast	jolly	glad	thrilled
giant	big	large	happy	joyful
swift	tiny	small	mini	sorry
fast	rapid	little	lazy	sad
quick	creeping	slow	unhappy	blue

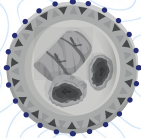
Answers: big: huge, vast, giant, large; small: tiny, little, mini; fast: swift, rapid, quick; slow: creeping, lazy; sad: sorry, unhappy, blue; happy: jolly, joyful, glad, thrilled

Did you notice that some of the colored words are opposites, or *antonyms*? What antonyms did you find?

Answer: big/small, fast/slow, sad/happy

Madagascar

Most of the plants and animals found in Madagascar are not found anywhere else in the world! Look for the long-lived baobab trees! Sometimes, they're called "upside-down trees" because their branches look like roots sticking up in the air!



What an amazing, awesome, incredible, and surprising place! Time to head north to a place with great history.

February

Location: North Africa

Primary Language: Arabic

Must See: In Giza, the Sphinx and the Great Pyramid (one of the Seven Wonders of the World)

Animals: Here, you will find Egyptian vultures, Nile crocodiles, and striped hyenas!

The Nile River has been the center of Egyptian culture for over 5,000 years. Ancient Egyptians invented paper and writing. They also contributed to mathematics, medicine, agriculture, and art. A visit to Egypt brings history to life!



Ancient Egyptians used a picture-based writing called *hieroglyphics* to share their stories. Use your own pictures to retell a scene from your latest read. Feel free to change the ending, but make sure to show the order of events!

About 95% of Egypt is desert—dry and sandy. The next country on our tour is also dry, but it is partially mountainous!

Egypt

March

Location: East of Egypt

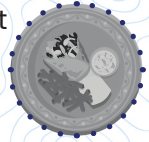
Primary Language: Arabic

Must See: The historic port city of Jeddah

Animals: Camels are an important form of transport in the desert. There, you can also find honey badgers and caracals (wild hunting cats).

Saudi Arabia

You might not think about swimming when you learn that Saudi Arabia is mostly desert. But once you put on your snorkel mask and look underwater, you'll see coral reefs and tropical fish galore!



Saudi Arabia changes when you look under the water. Changing your perspective (the way you view things) gives you new information, new experiences, and a new way of seeing situations. Think about the last fiction book you read, and answer these questions on another piece of paper:

- What is the perspective of the main character?
- Does the author want you to think a certain way about the subject? How can you tell?
- In what ways do you agree or disagree with the main character's perspective of the main problem in the story?
- How do the illustrations and cover art change or improve your perspective?
- How would the book change if the author added additional perspectives to the story?

Time to dry off and leave the tropical waters. Climb into an airplane, and head north to our next destination.

April

Location: Eastern Europe, on the Black Sea

Primary Language: Ukrainian

Must See: The Pysanka Museum to see over 10,000 dyed eggs

Animals: Stoats, moose, and barn owls roam the woodlands.

Farming helped Ukraine to be known as the “breadbasket of Europe.” The country is also recognized for its pysanky tradition. *Pysanky* refers to eggs decorated with beeswax and dyes. They are a symbol of hope and are created and shared every spring.



Ukraine

May

Location: Island country in the Pacific Ocean, to the east of mainland Asia

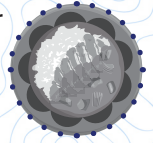
Primary Language: Japanese

Must See: The top of Tokyo Tower

Animals: Notice the snow monkeys, red-crowned cranes, and sika deer.

Japan

Japan is made up of over 14,000 islands. It’s a land associated with samurai and ancient traditions, like tea ceremonies and ikebana. Modern Japan shares its culture around the world, including things like sushi, manga, anime, and J-pop music!



Books, like countries, can be difficult to share in just a few words. If you had to tell a friend about the last book you read in just a few sentences, what would you say? Use the following questions as a guide to help you summarize the book.



- What’s the central idea of the story?
- Explain what happens in the beginning, middle, and end of the story.
- Who are the main characters, and what are they trying to achieve?
- What is the problem or conflict, and how is it resolved?
- What are the most important events that move the story forward?

Japan can inspire plenty of conversations! Does your latest book make you want to start talking, too? Imagine a conversation about what you’ve been reading, and write it out on a piece of paper. But before you start writing, answer these questions:

- Who are you talking to?
- Why do you want to tell them about this book?
- What do you want them to know about this book?
- How will you start the conversation?
- What kinds of questions do you think they will ask?

With the answers to those questions in mind, go write out an imagined conversation!



Ready to travel? It’s time to skip across the Asian continent toward the Pacific Ocean.

Time to travel south across the Philippine Sea to our next island destination. There’s only one stop left on this around-the-world tour!

June

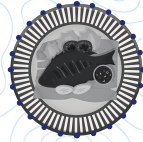
Location: Islands between the Indian Ocean and Pacific Ocean, north of Australia

Primary Language: Indonesian

Must See: Tanjung Puting National Park to visit orangutans

Animals: Watch for Komodo dragons, Sumatran tigers, and Asian elephants.

The name *Indonesia* comes from two words: *Indos* and *Nesos*, meaning *Indian Islands*. There are MANY islands to see! Some islands have large cities, or active volcanoes, or beautiful beaches, or amazing wildlife. Indonesia is made up of many interesting parts!



Just like the word Indonesia, plenty of everyday English words are made up of word parts that have specific meanings.



Prefixes – come at the *beginning* of the word

Prefix	Meaning
micro-	small
tele-	far off

Suffixes – come at the *end* of the word

Suffix	Meaning
-phone	sound
-scope	viewing device

Can you combine these prefixes and suffixes to make words with the following meanings?

1. A device that lets you view something small
2. Something that provides far-off sounds

Answer Key: 1. microscope 2. telephone



Pack your bags one last time. Your whirlwind tour is at an end. It will take over 20 hours for your airplane trip home.

Welcome Back!

Nine months of travel and new experiences will change a person! Think back on your months of reading and travel, and share three of your biggest successes, travel-related or not!



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What do you want to do or see next?

Animal Explorers

There were many animals on this trip. Can you match each animal with its location?

1. stoat



Location:

2. capybara



Location:

3. ring-tailed lemur



Location:

4. Komodo dragon



Location:

5. sloth



Location:

6. "doctor
bird"




Location:

7. camel



Location:

8. red-crowned crane 



Location:

9. Egyptian vulture



Location:

Answer Key: 1. stoat / UKraine 2. copycat / Colombia
3. ring-tailed lemur / Madagascar 4. komodo dragon / Indonesia
5. sloth / Brazil 6. "doctor bird" / Jamaica
7. camel / Saudi Arabia 8. red-crowned crane / Japan
9. Egyptian vulture / Egypt



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