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Going Camping

Lynn and Amber persuade Uncle Katsuhisa to take them camping one weekend. Using encyclopedias, books, and the Internet, research the answers to the following questions in groups of three or four.

1. What national scenic trail runs through Georgia, all the way up to Maine?

2. What is the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail in Georgia?

Now, choose one of the following topics to research. Then, write a short skit demonstrating how to complete the task you've chosen. Feel free to make it funny and creative! Perform your skit for your classmates.

1. How should you make and put out a safe campfire?
2. What steps should you take to make sure that wild animals don't eat your food while you're camping?
3. How do you make the popular camping dessert called "S'mores"?
4. What should you do if you're bitten by a poisonous snake in the wilderness?



Selfish and Unselfish Wishes

“Some nights before bed Lynn and I would make our wishes. First we made selfish wishes, and then we finished with unselfish wishes.”

—Kira-Kira

What are your wishes? List them, according to the guidelines below.



1. What do you wish for yourself?



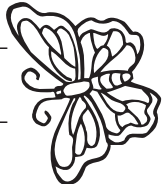
a. _____



b. _____



c. _____



2. How can you help to make each wish for yourself come true?



a. _____

b. _____

c. _____



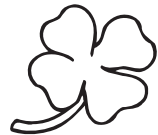
3. What do you wish for others?



a. _____

b. _____

c. _____



4. How can you help to make each wish for others come true?



a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

