

From Fact to Fiction

Imagine this... Story Writing Contest

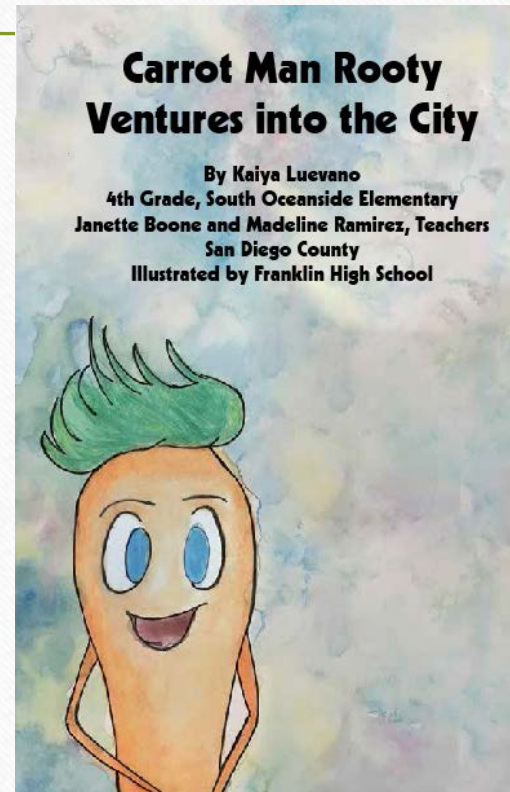
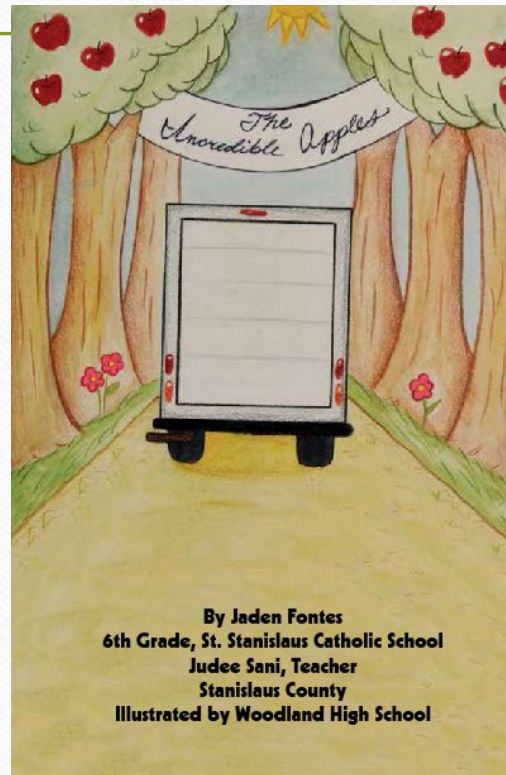
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Apples as super-heroes?

A carrot visiting the Statue of Liberty?



Writing Steps

- Journals
- Pre-writing
- Brainstorming
 - Character
 - Problem
 - Ag Topic
- Graphic Organizers
- Drafting
- Editing
- Revising
- Publishing

Just the Facts!

- Reading Informational Text
- Reading Together, Aloud, Independently
- Student Choice
- Think about questions, metacognition
- Strategy 3-2-1
- CCSS Standards (Key ideas, Structure, Compare)

Commodity Fact Sheet Bees

Information compiled by California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

How Produced - Bees are used by beekeepers to pollinate crops and trees. Bees are also used in the food and beverage industry to produce honey, beeswax, and royal jelly. Bees are also used in the pharmaceutical industry to produce bee venom, which is used to treat various conditions.



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History - The honey bee is one of the most important bees in the world. It is the only bee that produces honey. Honey bees have been domesticated for thousands of years. They are used to pollinate crops and trees, and to produce honey, beeswax, and royal jelly.

See production in U.S. - The United States is the largest producer of honey in the world. California is the largest producer of honey in the United States. Honey production in California is valued at over \$1 billion annually.

Source: California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

Commodity Fact Sheet Pickling Cucumbers

Information compiled by Kruger Foods

How Produced - Cucumbers are an annual plant typically planted in mid-March or early April. They are grown in rows, and the plants are spaced about 18 inches apart. The cucumbers are harvested when they are about 6 inches long. They are then pickled in a brine solution.



Commodity Value - Cucumbers are generally grown in California. They are used in a variety of ways, including pickling, eating raw, and in salads. Cucumbers are also used in the food and beverage industry to produce pickles and cucumber juice.

History - Cucumbers are one of the oldest vegetables in the world. They have been grown in the Mediterranean region for thousands of years. Cucumbers were introduced to the United States by Spanish explorers in the 16th century.

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Commodity Fact Sheet Lettuce

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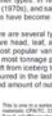
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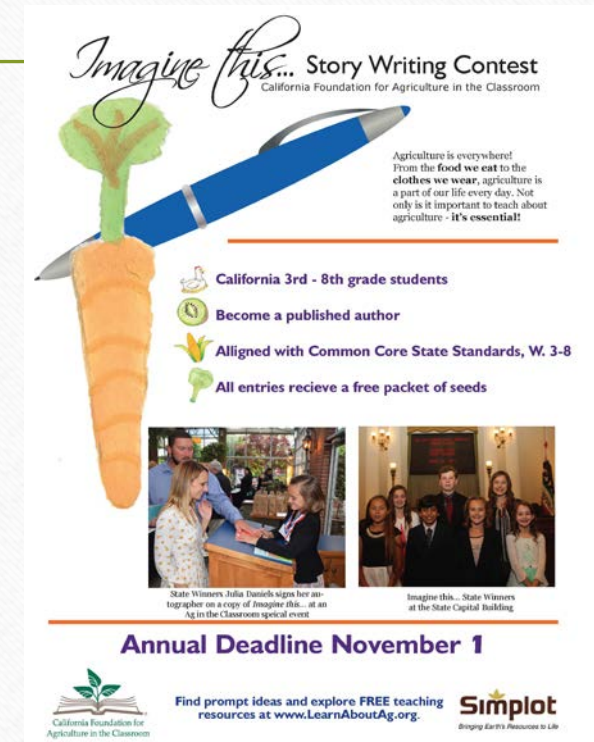
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