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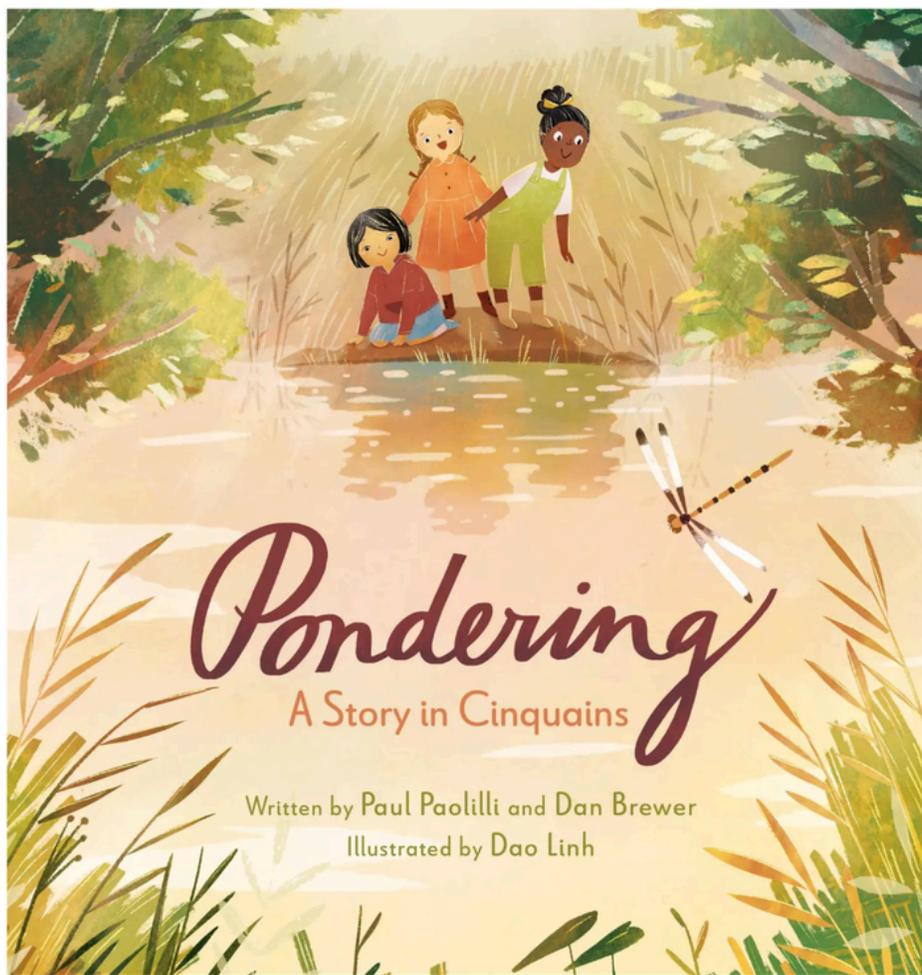
Activity Packet

WORD SEARCH

Find the hidden words!

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D P E X P L O R E S
P O J F R I E N D S
T N R B O F R O G I
R D C Z Z G T C T X
A N A T U R E R T H
I X E T Z Z B I O R
L D R A G O N F L Y
C I N Q U A I N K K
N Z Z G T R E E E V
R Y U S B P F W D B
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POND

CINQUAIN

FROG

TRAIL

FRIENDS

DRAGONFLY

TREE

EXPLORE

NATURE

WORD SEARCH

Solutions

Did you find them all?

D	P	E	X	P	L	O	R	E	S
P	O	J	F	R	I	E	N	D	S
T	N	R	B	O	F	R	O	G	I
R	D	C	Z	Z	G	T	C	T	X
A	N	A	T	U	R	E	R	T	H
I	X	E	T	Z	Z	B	I	O	R
L	D	R	A	G	O	N	F	L	Y
C	I	N	Q	U	A	I	N	K	K
N	Z	Z	G	T	R	E	E	E	V
R	Y	U	S	B	P	F	W	D	B

DRAWING ACTIVITY

Draw your favorite pond animals!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Questions for **before** reading

1. Looking at the cover, what do you think this book will be about?

2. What do you think <u>Pondering</u> means?

3. Have you ever been to a pond?

4. What animals do you think live in or by a pond?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Questions for **after** reading

1. Why do you think the authors chose <u>Pondering</u> for the title?

2. What surprised you in the book?

3. Which page was the most exciting?

4. Imagine you were at the pond, what would you do?

5. Why do you think the authors wrote this book?

6. What is one thing you learned from "Pondering?"

7. Why are ponds important?

8. If you could go exploring, where would you go?

9. Discuss how poetry can tell a story.

10. In the book, there's a <u>cacophony</u> of frogs. What does <u>cacophony</u> mean? Where have you heard a <u>cacophony</u>?

CINQUAIN ACTIVITY

Instructions

What Is an American Cinquain?

A cinquain is a poetic form of just five lines.
An American cinquain is a poem of five lines with a specific syllable count.

1st-3rd Grade

Write a cinquain using this form:

_____
Noun (subject)

_____
Two adjectives (describing the subject)

_____
Three verbs/adverbs (showing action)

_____
Four-Five word sentence about the subject

_____
Synonym for the subject

3rd Grade & Up

Write a cinquain using this form:

_____
Two syllables

_____
Four syllables

_____
Six syllables

_____
Eight syllables

_____
Two syllables

Think of each syllable as a single clap!

CINQUAIN ACTIVITY

Write your own cinquain!

Write your cinquain below

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

MAZE ACTIVITY

Find your way to the end of the
maze to say hello to the bullfrog!

Start Here!

MAZE ACTIVITY

Solution

Start Here!