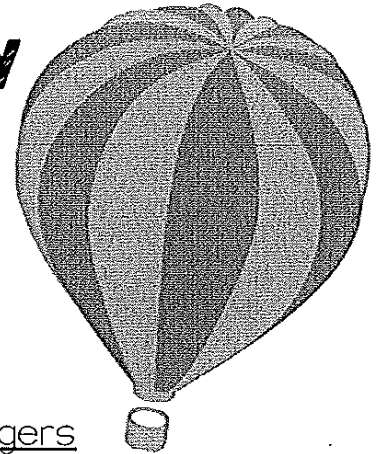


Hot Air Balloon History



A

Have you ever seen a hot air balloon? They move slowly in the air. They are very colorful and very large. A basket hangs below the balloon and carries people in it.

B

Did you know that people were not the first passengers to ride in a hot air balloon? It was 230 years ago that the first balloon went into the air. A sheep, duck, and rooster were the only ones in the hot air balloon. It stayed in the air for 15 minutes before coming back down. Two months later it was time for the first person to take a ride. Imagine how scary it would be to be one of the first people to ride in that basket above the ground!

C

Have you ever wondered how a hot air balloon flies in the air? If you see one, listen for a *whooshing* noise. That is from the pilot pulling on a rope and letting fire come out of a hose. This fire heats the air inside the balloon. When the hot air fills it, the balloon rises up from the ground. That is because hot air weighs less than cold air. It takes a lot of hot air to pick the balloon off the ground. That is why the balloons are so big!

D

Now hot air balloons are very popular. They are still flown by heating the air with fire. Hot air ballooning is so popular that there are festivals for it all around the world. These festivals show off the different styles and colors of balloons. Not all of the balloons have the same shape though. Some even look like famous cartoon animals! As long as there is a big, round, open piece of fabric that can be filled with hot air, a pilot can make a hot air balloon!

RI.3

1. Write three questions where the answer could be found in the text. Then find the answer to your question and color it.

1. _____

Color the answer to your question 

2. _____

Color the answer to your question 

3. _____

Color the answer to your question 

2. How does a hot air balloon move up from the ground into the air?

Complete Sentences | Cite the Evidence | Restate the Question

RI.3.10

3. Write one WORD to summarize the following paragraphs:

B _____ C. _____

4. Underline three important words in the text.

5. Summarize the history of hot air balloons.

Complete Sentences | Cite the Evidence | Restate the Question

RI.3.2

6. Write one WORD that describes the main idea of the text: _____

7. What are three key details in the text that support the main idea?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

8. Describe HOW one of these key details supports the main idea.

3.4

9. Find the underlined word, passengers in the text. Use the context clues to explain what this word means. Circle the words in the text that are a clue to the meaning of the word.

10. Find the underlined word, rises in the text. Use the context clues to explain what this word means. Circle the words in the text that are a clue to the meaning of the word.

RI.3.8

II. Read Paragraph C.
This paragraph has a cause and effect relationship.

Color the CAUSE



Color the EFFECT



Describe the connection between hot air and a hot air balloon rising from the ground.
