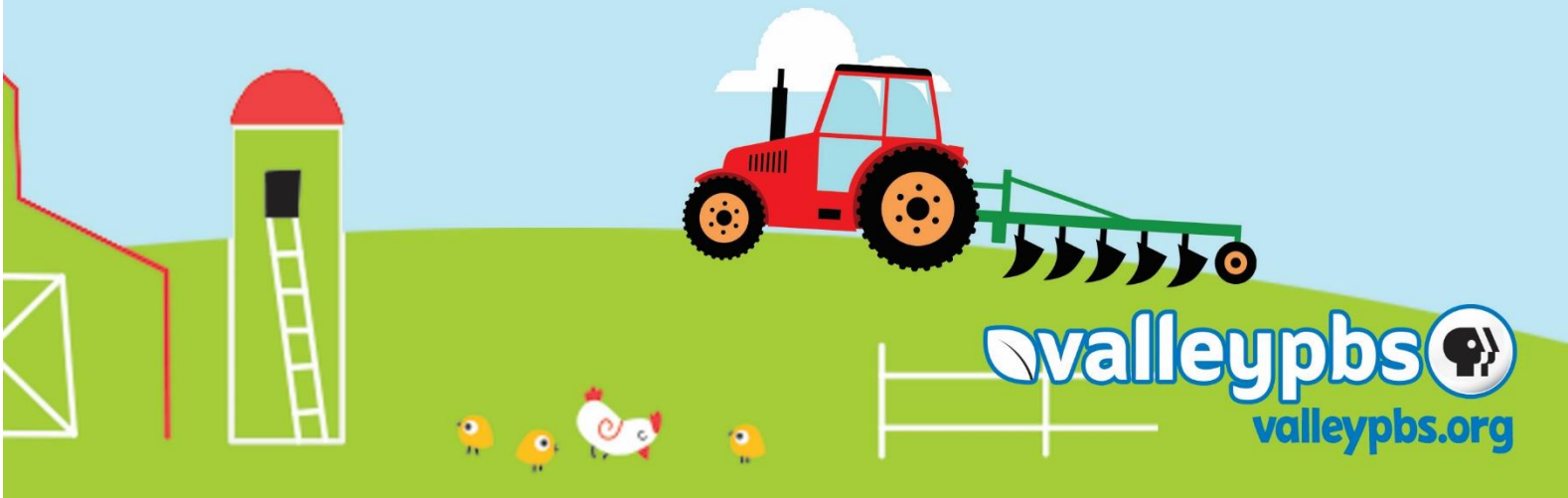


Carrots

Common Core Style...

***Informational Text**

***Writing Prompts**



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Carrots

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Name: _____

Carrots

Carrots are a root vegetable.
Carrots grow best in deep, sandy soil.
Carrots are harvested by a machine.
Carrots can come in different colors.
Carrots taste sweet and crunchy.
Carrots are grown year round in California.
Carrots are cooked and eaten in many ways.



Text-Dependent Questions

Directions: Reread the text to find the answers.

1. Carrots are a root _____.
2. Carrots grow best in deep, sandy _____.
3. Carrots are harvested by a _____.
4. Carrots can come in different _____.
5. Carrots taste sweet and _____.
6. Carrots are grown year round in _____.
7. Carrots are cooked and eaten in many _____.

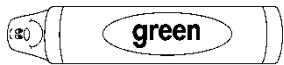
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Carrots

The carrot is a root vegetable, usually orange in color, although purple, black, red, white, and yellow varieties also exist. Carrots are a taproot, a type of root which grows downwards into the soil.

Carrots come in many sizes and shapes. They are round, fat, small, long and thin. Carrots only need a small amount of space and are very easy to grow. They need sandy soil so they will grow long, straight roots. Did you know that bumps and stones in the soil will cause the carrots to grow crooked?

People have enjoyed the crisp, sweet taste of carrots for thousands of years. Packed with beta-carotene and antioxidants, carrots are really good for your eyes, and much of the rest of your body. Just one medium carrot or a handful of baby carrots counts as one serving of your daily veggies.



Color the words ... vegetable, beta-carotene and taproot



Color the sentence that explains what a taproot is.



Color the sentence that tells why carrots are good for your eyes.

What is the main idea of this passage?



FUN FARM FACT:

Approximately 80 percent of the nation's fresh carrots are grown year-round in California.

Name _____

Carrots



Did you know carrots are members of the parsley family like celery, parsnips, dill, and fennel? The carrot is a root vegetable, which means the part of the plant we eat grows underground. They are a taproot, a type of root which grows downwards into the soil and swells. Carrots come in a variety of shapes, colors, and sizes. Carrot color variations include orange, purple, red, white, and yellow.

Carrots are an annual root crop. The tiny carrot seeds are planted in raised beds, so the carrots are in position for mechanized harvesting. Carrots only need a small amount of space and are very easy to grow. They need well worked, sandy soil, so they will grow long, straight roots. Bumps and stones in the soil will cause the carrots to grow crooked.

The growing season ranges from 110 to 180 days. After loosening the soil under the mature carrots, large, self-propelled harvesters lift the carrots by their tops, remove the tops, and load the carrots into a truck and trailer that travels alongside the harvester. The carrots are then taken to packing plants where they are cooled, sorted, cleaned, and packaged within 24 hours.

People have enjoyed the crisp, sweet taste of carrots for thousands of years. Simmered, glazed, steamed or raw, carrots add accents to main courses, stand alone as side dishes, and serve as perfect healthy snacks. Best of all, carrots are easy to grow and produce rich abundant crops. Packed with beta-carotene and antioxidants, carrots really are good for your eyes, and much of the rest of your body. Just one medium carrot or a handful of baby carrots counts as one serving of your daily veggies.



FUN FARM FACT:

The saying “dangling a carrot” originated in the 1890’s when carrots were dangled in front of donkeys to get them to move.

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Directions: Cite evidence from the text and answer in complete sentences.

1. According to the text, explain what happens during a mechanized harvesting.

2. What are carrots packed with? Explain your answer.

3. After reading the text, what kind of vegetable is a carrot?

4. In your own words, explain why carrots are good for you.

5. Why do you think carrots are not harvested by hand?

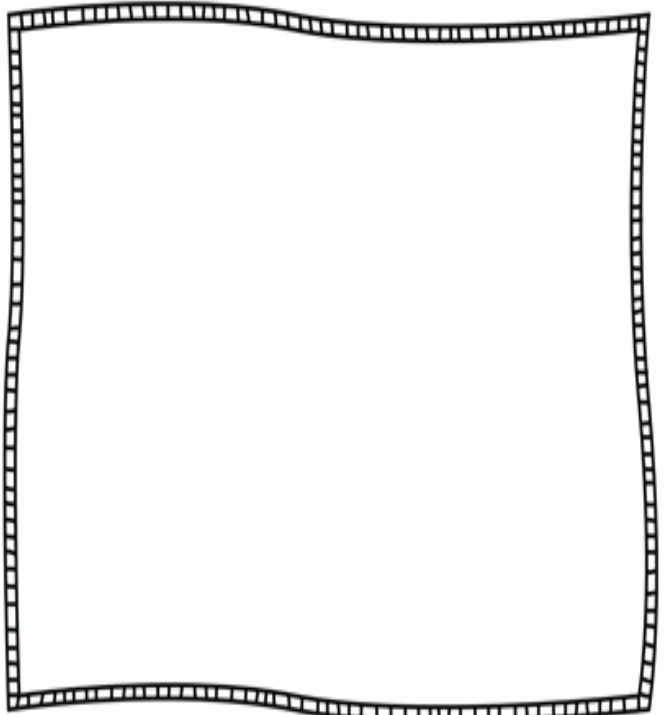
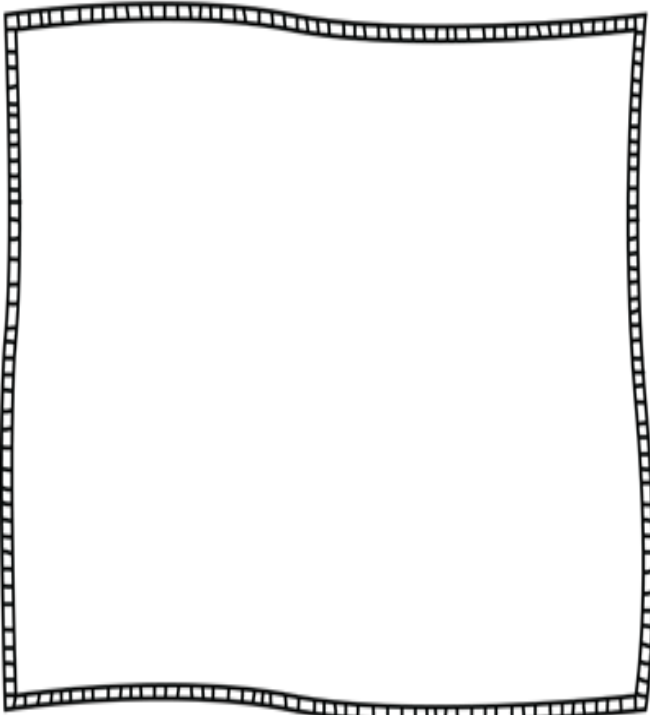
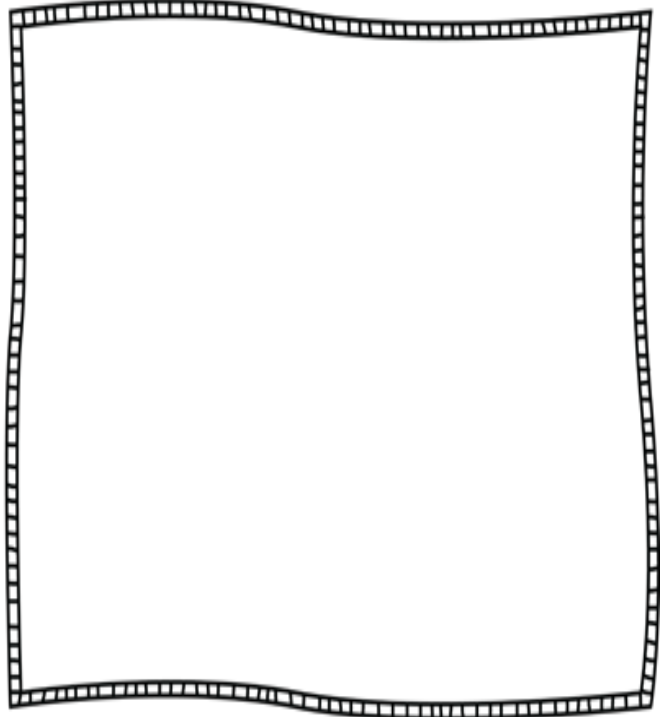
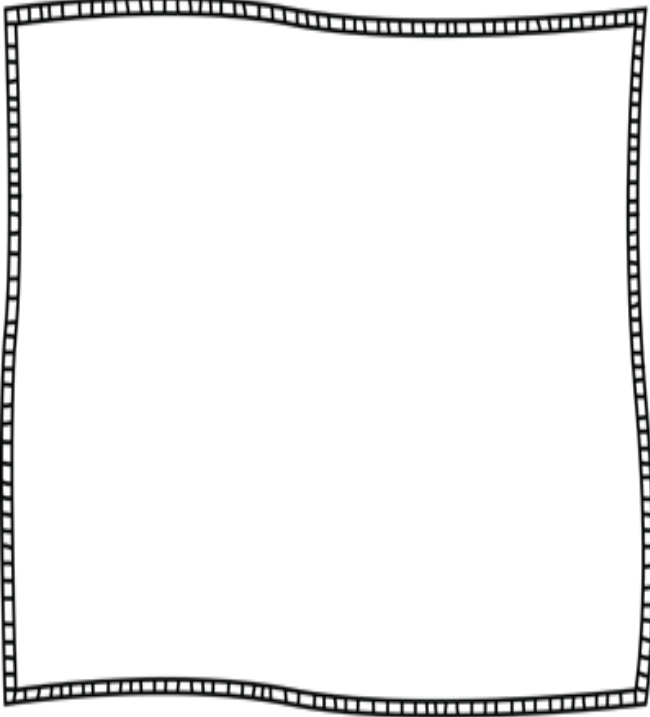
6. Describe the best way you like to eat a carrot.

7. What is the author's purpose in writing this selection?

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State the AG Facts!

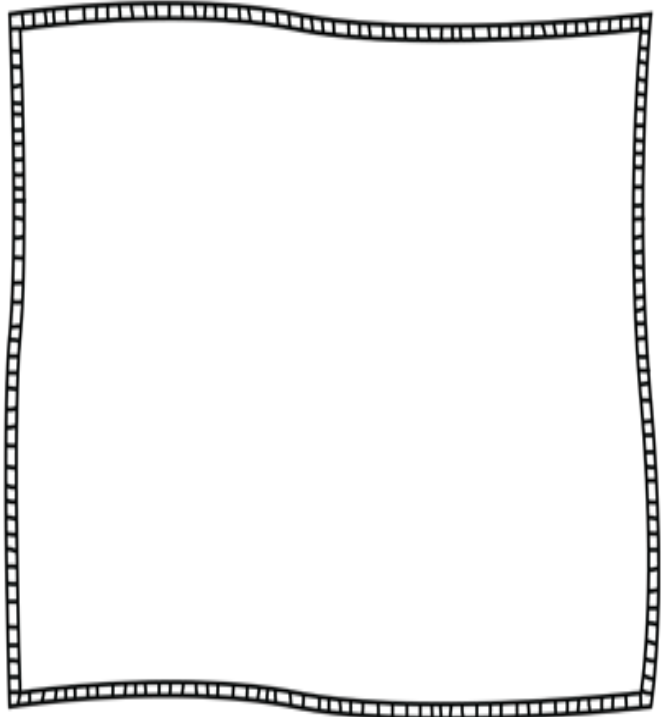
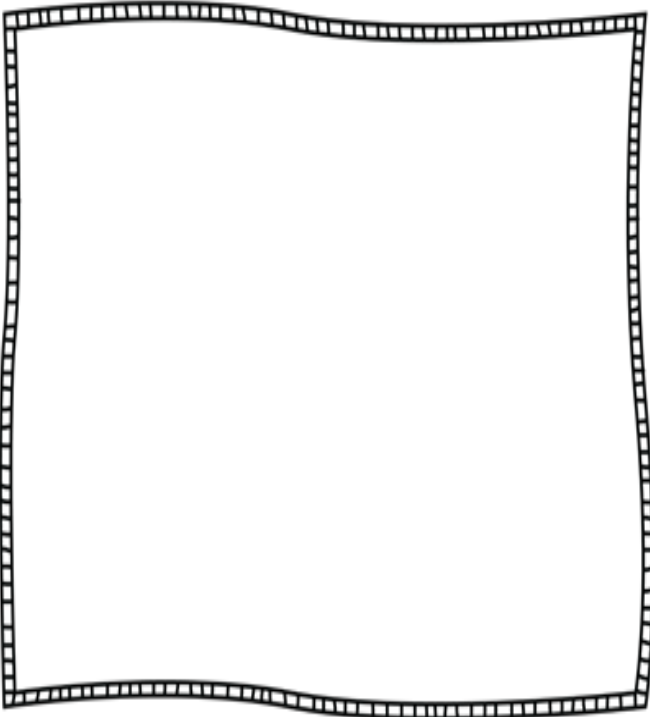
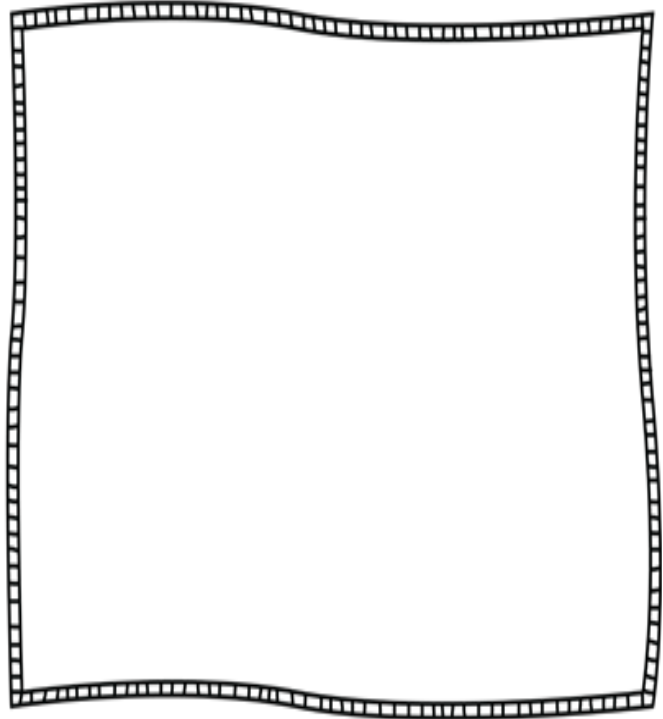
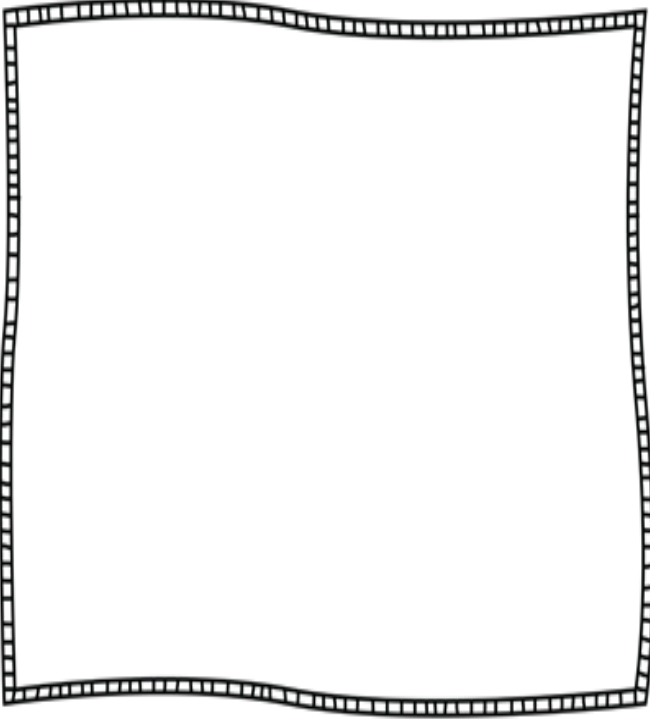
Directions: Write four facts from the text.



Name: _____

Ask the Farmer

Directions: Write four questions about the text.



Name: _____

Let me tell you all about **CARROTS!**



Ask a Farmer!

Name: _____

Write a letter to a farmer. Tell the farmer what you have learned about carrots.
Ask the farmer any questions that you still have.

Date _____

Dear _____,

Thank you,
