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ECOSYSTEMS OF THE WORLD

Tundra Ecosystems

Say What?

Studying the tundra can mean learning many new words. Find five words in this book that you have never heard before. Use a dictionary to find out what they mean. Then write the meanings in your own words, and use each word in a new sentence.



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Tell the Tale

One of the biggest animals in the tundra ecosystem is the polar bear. Write 200 words about polar bears. What would a typical day in the life of this species be like? How might their lives differ in summer and winter? What other animals might the polar bears encounter?



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Dig Deeper

After reading this book, what questions do you still have about the tundra? Do you want to learn more about a specific plant or animal? Write down one or two questions to guide your research. With an adult's help, find a few reliable sources about the species that can help answer your questions. Write a few sentences about how you did your research and what you learned from it.



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Take a Stand

In Chapter One, you learned that alpine tundra is found in the high elevations of many mountain regions. One such area is the Rocky Mountain range in the United States and Canada. Many people live near these mountains. Write a short essay describing how people can protect this tundra ecosystem.



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