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Tell the Tale

Chapter Three discusses animals that live underground. Imagine you can shrink your body so you can take a trip underground to learn about these animals. Write 200 words telling the story of your journey. Describe the sights and sounds. What creatures do you see? What changes do you notice as you move through the layers of soil? Be sure to set the scene, develop a sequence of events, and offer a conclusion.



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Surprise Me

Chapter Three discusses some of the different creatures that live in soil. After reading this book, what two or three facts about microbes did you find most surprising? Write a few sentences about each fact. Why did you find them surprising?



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Dig Deeper

After reading this book, what questions do you still have about soil? Do you want to learn more about how soil grows your food? Or do you want to find out more about the type of soil in your backyard? Write down one or two questions to guide your research. With an adult's help, find a few reliable sources about soil 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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Another View

This book has a great deal of information about soil erosion. As you know, every source is different. Ask an adult, such as a librarian, to help you find another source about erosion. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with the point of view of this book's author. What is the point of view of each author? How are they similar, and why? How are they different, and why?



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