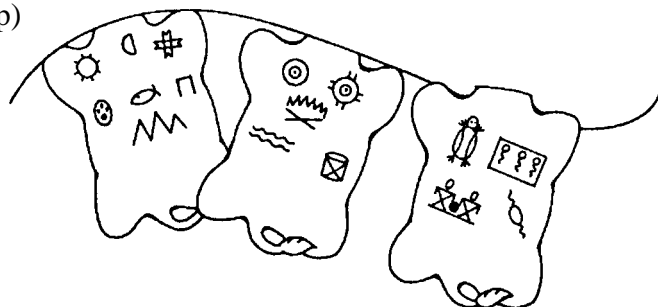


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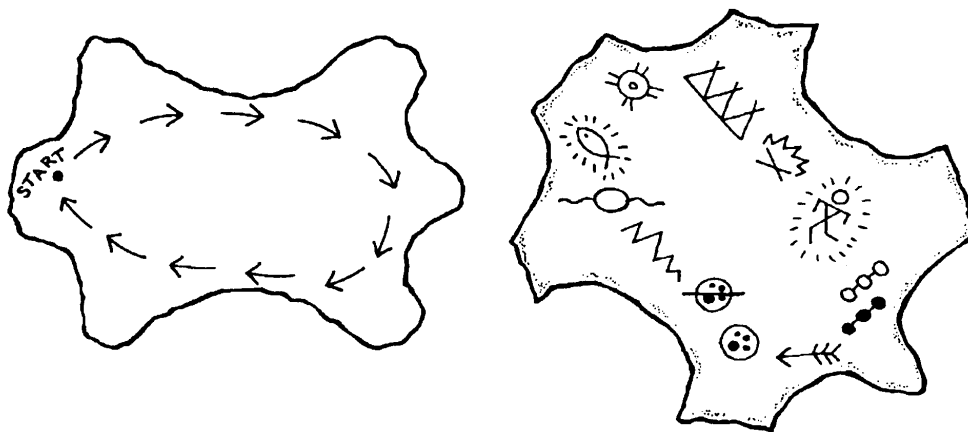
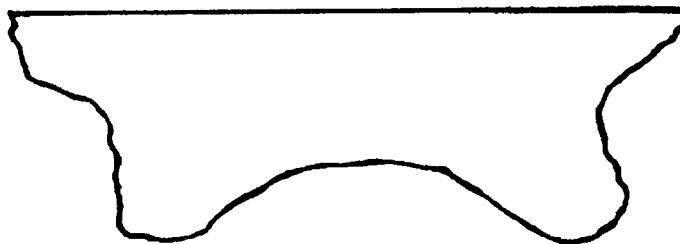
Make a Skin Story

- Materials:**
- brown grocery bag (½ bag per group)
 - bucket or sink of water
 - black and brown tempera paint
 - fine tip felt pens
 - Skin Planning Sheet (page 33)
 - Picture Dictionary (page 34)



Directions: Make an “animal” skin story.

1. Cut out bottom and seam of bag; then cut in half so you have a square.
2. Crumple the bag, dip it in water, squeeze, remove from water, and uncrumple. Repeat twice.
3. Fold the paper in half.
4. Carefully rip out an animal shape.
5. Carefully unfold and lay it on a newspaper with any printing face up.
6. Mix a little black paint with the brown and paint one side of the “skin” while it is still wet. Cover the printing on the bag.
7. When the “skin” is dry, write your section of *The Legend of the Bluebonnet*, using your Skin Planning Sheet and Picture Dictionary (pages 33 and 34). You may need to create some new symbols. If so, add them to your dictionary. The story should follow a circular pattern as indicated by the arrows in the illustration below.



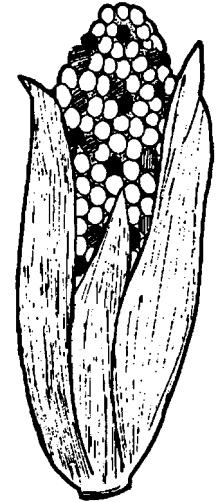
Technology Extender

Software: *Kid Pix* or any other draw-and-paint program

Activity: Have students work in pairs, using the draw-and-paint tools to create a computer dictionary of the symbols appearing on page 34. Place these in ABC order and then save and print. On the following pages, have the students use the symbols to create a legend to explain the origin of their flowers (see page 35). Some new symbols may need to be created and added to the dictionary. Save and print with an original cover to display at parents’ night.

Growing Corn

Corn, also called *maize*, was first found in North America. The Native Americans began collecting it and using it for food almost 10,000 years ago. From that time on, the use of corn has increased so much that it is now one of the world's most important crops.



For this activity you are going to plant and grow your own corn.

Materials: 2 or 3 corn seeds per student; clear plastic cups; soil; water

Directions: Fill a clear, plastic cup with soil halfway to the top. Plant 2 or 3 corn seeds near the sides of the glass and cover with soil. Water the seeds, until the soil is moist (like a wrung out washcloth). Continue to keep moist but not soggy. Give the plant full sunlight. When the plants reach 6' tall, they may be transplanted to the ground.

On the chart below, draw what your plant looks like as it grows.

<p style="text-align: center;">Week 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Week 2</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Week 4</p>

What did you learn? _____
