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Carefully leveled text with a strong photo match offers early fluent readers the support they need to succeed.

Before Reading

- “Walk” through the book and point out the various nonfiction features. Ask the student what purpose each feature serves.
- Look at the glossary together. Read and discuss the words.

Read the Book

- Have the child read the book independently.
- Invite him or her to list questions that arise from reading.

After Reading

- Discuss the child’s questions. Talk about how he or she might find answers to those questions.
- Prompt the child to think more. Ask: How do homes then and now differ? How are they the same? What makes your home unique?

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CHAPTER 1

HOME SWEET HOME

Homes provide shelter. They protect us from weather. More than 1,000 years ago, Native Americans in the southwest built homes with clay. These still stand today.



On the Great Plains,
Native Americans **built**
tipis out of buffalo skins.
They could **pack up** and
move these homes in a
single day.

.....
tipi





In the 1600s, a typical home was on a farm. It was small. Just one or two rooms. Without **electricity**, people used candles for light. And fireplaces for heat. They lugged water in from a well. As for bathrooms? **Outhouses** were outside.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Nearly everything used to happen at home. Births. School. Weddings. Clothes and tools were made at home, too. What activities do you do at home?



In the early 1800s, white settlers moved west. They built log cabins from the trees around them. Nails were hard to come by. So they carved notches into the logs. That way, the logs stayed stacked.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Few trees grow on the **prairie**. Here, settlers made **sod** houses. They cut out blocks of tough grass roots. Then they stacked the blocks. What materials do you think were used to build your home?





log
notches

ACTIVITIES & TOOLS

TRY THIS!

DRAW A FLOOR PLAN

Page 19 shows a floor plan. Draw one of your home!

What You Need:

- sheet of paper
- ruler
- pencil
- eraser
- markers or colored pencils



- 1 Imagine you are looking down at your home from above. Draw the shape of your home on your paper. Use a ruler to help keep the lines straight. Make your shape nice and big. It shows the outside walls of your floor plan.
- 2 If your home has two stories, start with the first floor. Think about where all of the rooms are. What rooms touch the outside wall? What rooms are next to each other? Draw the rooms inside your floor plan. Add labels.
- 3 Next, add the doors, both inside and outside. Erase a little bit of the line to show where the doors are.
- 4 Add in details. Draw where sinks, toilets, beds, and other things should be.
- 5 After you've finished your floor plan, color it. Or start with a new sheet of paper to draw another floor if your home has more than one story.
- 6 Show your floor plan to someone who lives with you. What do they think?