

Marta's Gargantuan Wings

Study Guide

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THIRD GRADE TAKS TEST PREPARATION

1. Which description best fits Marta's physical appearance?

- A. Marta is unconfident and sad.
- B. Marta is friends with Aljor and Stajon.
- C. Marta is a squirrel monkey with a lot of spunk.
- D. Marta is a brown Pegasus with large white wings.

2. Why is Marta's appearance important to the story?

- A. Marta's blue eyes hypnotize Aljor .
- B. Marta's long mane gives the baby birds something to hold on to when she flies.
- C. Marta's appearance sets the stage for her insecurity and later becoming confident.
- D. Both B and C

3. Which description fits Stajon's physical appearance?

- A. Stajon is a black and white ring tailed lemur with a white mask and black and white rings around his tail.
- B. Stajon is a squirrel monkey with a white furry face, dark eyes and orange fur trailing down his arms.
- C. Stajon defends Marta to Aljor .
- D. None of the above.

4. Which of these sentences describes Stajon's personality?

- A. Cocky
- B. Protective
- C. Good friend.
- D. All of the above.

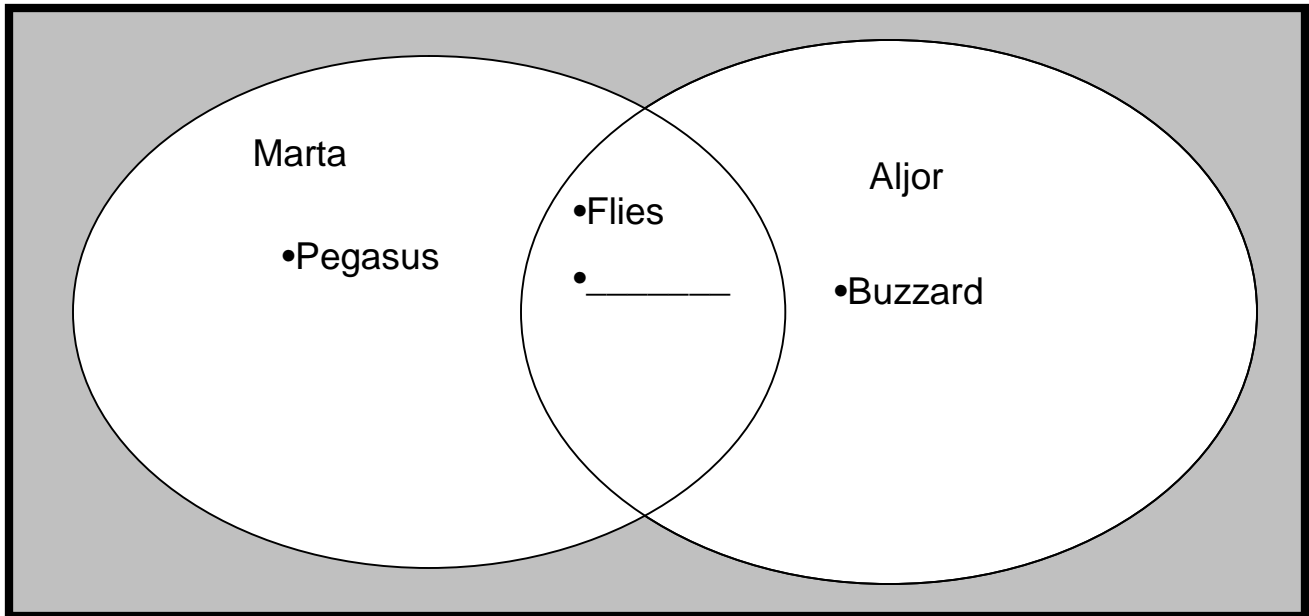
5. What lesson does the book teach?

- A. Try your hardest.
- B. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
- C. Don't cry over spilled milk.
- D. Regardless of your appearance you should believe in yourself and then all things are possible.

THIRD GRADE TAKS TEST PREPARATION

6. Why is the story's setting important.

- A. It holds the reader's attention.
- B. It is full of trees.
- C. It is a good place for the character's to interact.
- D. None of the above.



7. Which of the following goes in the blank?

- A. Enemies
- B. Smart
- C. Resourceful
- D. Has Wings

8. What is the title of this picture book?

- A. Marta Saves the Day
- B. Marta Giant Wings
- C. Escape from the Fire
- D. Confidence Grows

THIRD GRADE TAKS TEST PREPARATION

9. What is the importance of the fire?

- A. The trees catch on fire.
- B. Aljor needs Marta's help.
- C. Marta is afraid of fire.
- D. All of the above.

Aljor teases Marta about her appearance.

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The forest is on fire.

Marta flies Aljor and his brothers to safety.

10. What is the missing element in the story line marked with a question mark above?

- A. Aljor, Marta and Stajon fly out of the fire.
- B. Stajon defends Marta .
- C. Marta chokes on the smoke.
- D. Marta becomes confident.

11. In the following sentence what does the word **raised** mean?

*"I would, but he's my friend and kind of right. Look at me." Marta stood, **raised** her wings and spun in a circle.*

Root Word raise

(rāz) verb

- A. to cause or help to rise: lift
- B. To help grow
- C. To collect: earn money
- D. To build: erect

THIRD GRADE TAKS TEST PREPARATION

12. What does the following sentence mean?

*She **shot** like a rocket over the treetops.*

Root Word *shot*

(shüt) verb

- A. to hit, kill, or wound with a missile
- B. mature : develop
- C. to thrust forward or out
- D. to move swiftly : dart

13. Which of the following best describes Stajon's feelings about Aljor?

- A. Anger
- B. Admiration
- C. Dislike
- D. Both A and C

14. What did Stajon do when Aljor teased Marta?

- A. Stajon cries and begs Aljor to stop.
- B. Stajon teases Marta with Aljor.
- C. Stajon defends Marta.
- D. Stajon ignores Aljor.

15. Why did Aljor need Marta's help?

- A. He's grumpy and doesn't have friends.
- B. He was too tired.
- C. Stajon doesn't like him.
- D. Aljor's wing is hurt.

Monkeying Around with Research

Find answers to the following questions about squirrel monkeys. Cite 3 sources.

1. **Where do squirrel monkeys live?**

2. **What do squirrel monkeys eat?**

3. **Describe how they look?**

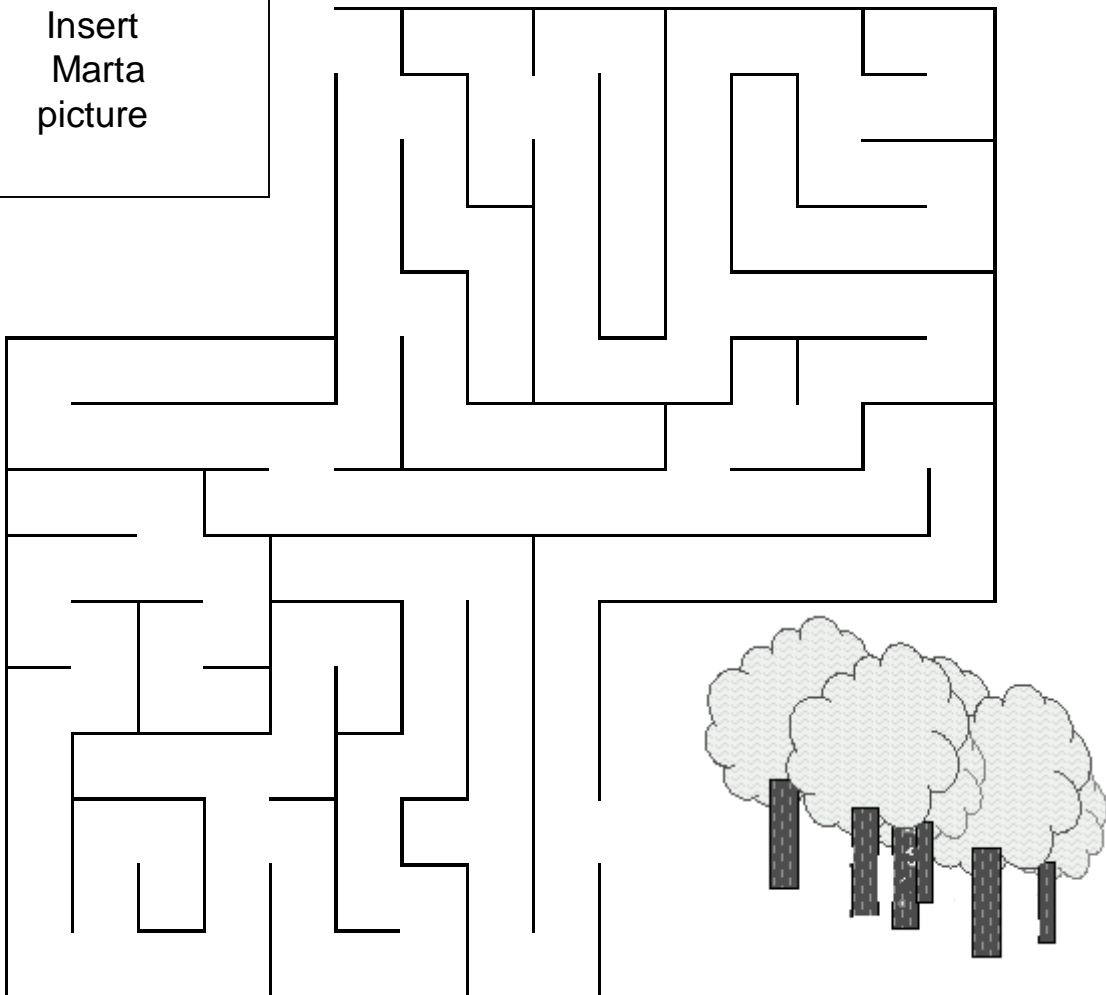
4. **Why are they endangered?**

When using the internet for research, don't believe something is true. Question where the information is coming from before you accept it.



Help Marta find her way to the Forest

Insert
Marta
picture



WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the following words.

AMRAT _____

STANJO _____

RJLAO _____

REIF _____

LEMU _____

KMNYEO _____

GPEUASS _____

ZBZAURD _____

STORY TIME ORDER

Place numbers beside the sentences to show the order the story occurs

- ___ Stajon defended Marta .
- ___ Aljor apologized.
- ___ Aljor called for help.
- ___ Aljor teased Marta .
- ___ Marta rescued Aljor and his
three brothers.
- ___ The six landed safely.

WORD SEARCH

Y K B E S A M F R N G S R M Z
Y E R R G E R E E Q H G E U T
B I K Z O I E S A T G N P L P
F R Q N E T T R E N N I E E J
F H E N O S H E T A I W E F L
L O D P E M T E L B S F R Z K
N S R I M D L J R B A Z C S C
P J B E E A O E P S E U Y T F
G A O K S R C R R S T G E A L
B S C B F T A S T R C A N J A
S U S A G E P A T O I T O O P
B G A R G A N T U A N U H N P
Z Q O F L Y I N G P V E Q E E
H E L P M A T R A M E V A S D
K X R E Y R P Y G G T F O E N

Aljor
Babies
Brothers
Bucked
Teeth
Fire
Flapped
Flying
Forest

Friends
Gargantuan
Help
Honeycreeper
Marta
Mean
Mule
Nest
Pegasus

Save
Scamper
Squirrel Monkey
Stajon
Teasing
Trees
Wings

ANSWER KEY

Third Grade TAKs Test Preparation

1. D. Marta is a brown Pegasus with large white wings.
2. C. Marta's appearance sets the stage for her insecurity and later becoming confident.
3. B. Stajon is a squirrel monkey with a white furry face, dark eyes and orange fur trailing down his arms.
4. D. All of the above. Cocky, Protective and a Good friend.
5. D. Regardless of your appearance you should believe in yourself and then all things are possible.
6. D. None of the above.
7. D. Has Wings
8. B. Marta Gargantuan Wings
9. B. Aljor needs Marta's help.
10. B. Stajon defends Marta.
11. A. To cause or help to rise : lift
12. C to move swiftly : dart
13. D. Both A and C
14. C. Stajon defends Marta.
15. D. Aljor's wing is hurt.

Monkeying Around with Research

1. **Where do squirrel monkeys live?**
Central and South America forests
2. **What do squirrel monkeys eat?**
seeds, leaves, fruit, insects, tree frogs
3. **Describe how they look?**
They have a white mask around dark eyes. Their mouths and noses are black. Yellow-orange fur runs down its forearms, feet and back. The remaining fur is gray or black.
5. **Why are they endangered?**
Deforestation

WORD SCRAMBLE

AMRAT

Marta

STANJO

Stajon

RJLAO

Aljor

REIF

fire

LEMU

mule

KMNYEO

monkey

GPEUASS

Pegasus

ZBZAURD

buzzard

STORY TIME ORDER

Put the story in order.

2. Stajon defended Marta.
6. Aljor apologized.
3. Aljor called for help.
1. Aljor teased Marta.
4. Marta rescues Aljor and his three brothers.
5. The six land safely.

WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Y | K | B | E | S | A | M | F | R | N | G | S | R | M | Z |
| Y | E | R | R | G | E | R | E | E | Q | H | G | E | U | T |
| B | I | K | Z | O | I | E | S | A | T | G | N | P | L | P |
| F | R | Q | N | E | T | T | R | E | N | N | I | E | E | J |
| F | H | E | N | O | S | H | E | T | A | I | W | E | F | L |
| L | O | D | P | E | M | T | E | L | B | S | F | R | Z | K |
| N | S | R | I | M | D | L | J | R | B | A | Z | C | S | C |
| P | J | B | E | E | A | O | E | P | S | E | U | Y | T | F |
| G | A | O | K | S | R | C | R | R | S | T | G | E | A | L |
| B | S | C | B | F | T | A | S | T | R | C | A | N | J | A |
| S | U | S | A | G | E | P | A | T | O | I | T | O | O | P |
| B | G | A | R | G | A | N | T | U | A | N | U | H | N | P |
| Z | Q | O | F | L | Y | I | N | G | P | V | E | Q | E | E |
| H | E | L | P | M | A | T | R | A | M | E | V | A | S | D |
| K | X | R | E | Y | R | P | Y | G | G | T | F | O | E | N |

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| Aljor | Friends | Save |
| Babies | Gargantuan | Scamper |
| Brothers | Help | Squirrel Monkey |
| Bucked | Honeycreeper | Stajon |
| Teeth | Marta | Teasing |
| Fire | Mean | Trees |
| Flapped | Mule | Wings |
| Flying | Nest | |
| Forest | Pegasus | |