

True Stories

People Who Made a Difference



Nature's Friend

Discussion Starters:

How do the words below apply to Gwen Frostic?

- nature sketches
- disability
- printmaking
- writer
- copper
- environmentalist
- Henry Ford's assembly line
- greeting cards
- The Mitten State

Did You Know?

- ☆ Gwen Frostic designed her shop herself—from bouldered base to grass covered roof.
- ☆ Gwen donated 13 million dollars to Western Michigan University--funding scholarships in Environmental Studies, art & writing.
- ☆ Gwen challenged expectations of women, age & people with disabilities.
- ☆ Gwen continued to work in her shop until she was almost 93 years old.

Unscramble the animal name and match it to the picture!

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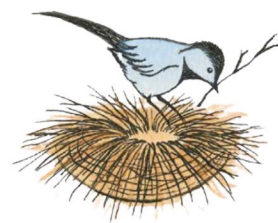
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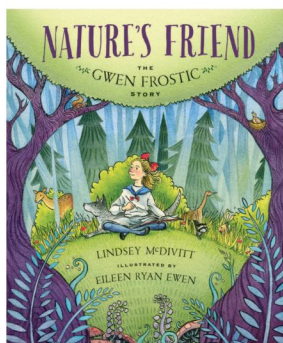
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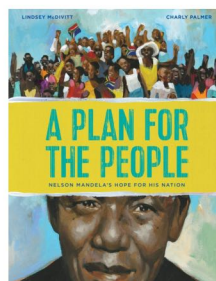
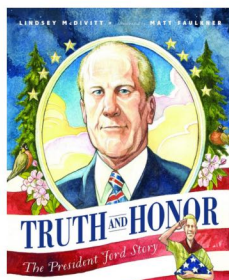
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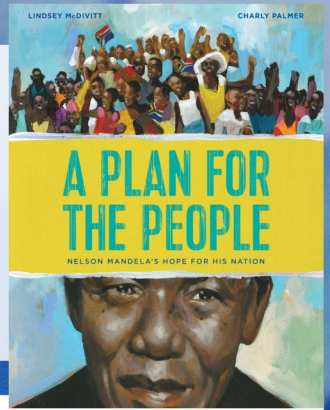
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Can you find the metaphors below?

(Similes compare things using "like" or "as." Metaphors are more direct. Ex. The lake is a mirror.)

"A natural leader, he drew people in--like wildlife to water in the dry Karoo."

"Gwen sat quietly with her pad and pencil, as still as a watchful fox."

"I believe that truth is the glue that holds government together..."

"Like ripples on the pond, Gwen's art spread the word--'Love this earth...'"

"...the prisoners looked as lazy as lions in the shade. But they were sharpening skills..."

"They were all in this together. And Gerald R. Ford was a strong captain at the helm."



A Plan for the People: Nelson Mandela's Hope for His Nation
Art by Charly Palmer
Eerdmans Books for Young Readers

Nelson Mandela

☆ The only President from Michigan

Artist Gwen Frostic

☆ The first President of South Africa elected by people of all races

President Gerald Ford

☆ Born Leslie Lynch King

☆ Wrote & illustrated 22 books

☆ Served 27 years in prison on Robben Island

☆ Helped build airplanes during World War II