

4 Carhenge

Jim Reinders towed a bunch of old cars to a field near a highway. He dug a ring of shallow holes, and used a tractor to stand many of the cars on end in the holes. With the ring of cars acting as pillars, Jim used the tractor to set other cars on top, bridging the gaps. Then he welded the cars in place and painted them all stone gray. Sometimes when drivers on the highway see this odd structure, they pull off the road and stop to take a look.

From what you pictured...

What is the main idea of this story?

Stonehenge is a famous ring of ancient stone pillars and blocks.

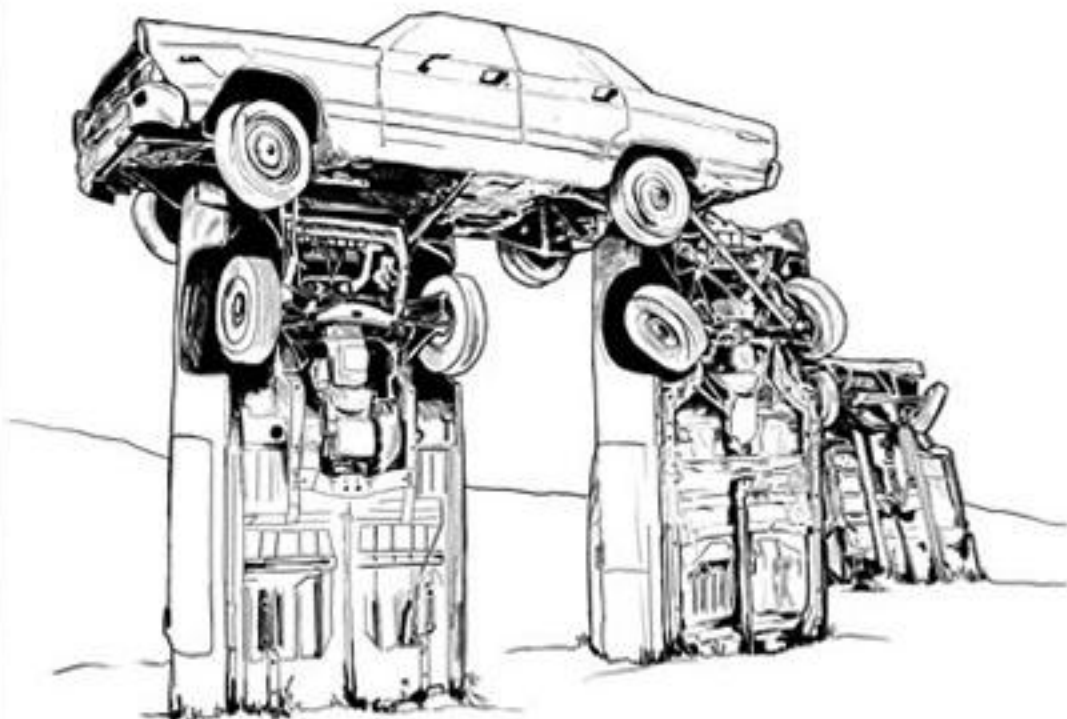
Why do you think Jim named his creation, "Carhenge"?

Why do you think Jim towed *old* cars to the field? Why not new cars?

Why do you think Jim used a tractor to move the cars?

Welding is a way of melting two pieces of metal together. Why do you think Jim welded the cars in place?

Why do you think the drivers from the highway pull off the road to look?



32 Dentist Saves the Day

John "Doc" Holliday was a dentist who owned a saloon in Dodge City in the 1800s. One night Doc was playing cards when someone yelled that Doc's friend—the town marshal, Wyatt Earp—was in trouble. Doc jumped up, grabbed his guns, and ran outside his saloon. In the street he saw Earp between two outlaws who both had their pistols pointed at the marshal. Holliday shouted at the men as he aimed his guns at them. The men flinched as they turned toward him. At the same time, Earp ducked away and pulled out his own pistol. Caught between Earp and Holliday, the outlaws dropped their guns and let Earp take them to jail.

From what you pictured...

What is the main idea of this story?

Why do you think someone yelled about Earp being in trouble?

Why do you think Holliday ran outside with his guns?

What do you think the outlaws wanted to do to Earp?

Why do you think Holliday shouted at the outlaws?

Why do you think the outlaws flinched?

33 Reindeer Ferries

Long ago, native Sami men herded reindeer along the coast of northern Europe. Their herds grazed in fields as they passed small villages on the coast's many bays. The Sami did not stay still for long, moving south in the winter and north in the summer. As time passed, the villages grew into towns and cities. Farmers built rock walls around their fields, and soon there was no place left for the herds to pass on land. Now the Sami hire large ships—called ferries—when they reach bays. The reindeer walk up a wide ramp from the dock onto a ferry. Then the ferry sets sail for the distant shore, passing by the big cities on the way.

From what you pictured...

What is the main idea of this story?

Why do you think the Sami did not stay still for long?

Why do you think the farmers built the rock walls?

Why do you think there is no place left for the herds to pass on land?

Why do you think the Sami hire the ferries?

What do you think will happen when the ferry reaches the distant shore?

40 The First Fast Food

Long ago, Joseph Horn and Frank Hardart opened a new type of restaurant. The cooks in the kitchen baked bread and made soups and sandwiches all day long. They put the food on plates and put the plates in cubbyholes along a wall. On the other side of the wall, small locked glass doors covered the cubbyholes. When someone wanted a sandwich, she dropped coins in a slot that unlocked its door. Then she opened the door, took the sandwich plate, and closed it back up. When a cook saw the empty cubbyhole, he put a fresh sandwich in it.

From what you pictured...

What is the main idea of this story?

Why do you think the cooks worked in the kitchen all day long?

Why do you think the glass doors on the cubbyholes were locked?

Why do you think the woman had to put coins in the slot?

Why do you think the cook put a fresh sandwich in the cubbyhole?

Why do you think the title of this story is, "The First Fast Food"?



46 Harriet Tubman

Harriet Tubman was a young slave who lived on a farm in 1849. She and her sister were forced to work in the fields from sunrise to sunset each day. But one day, Tubman heard her owner say he would sell her to another farmer, so she chose to escape. That night she snuck off the farm and ran to a friendly neighbor's house to hide. The next day, the neighbor hid Tubman under a burlap sack in his wagon. Then he drove her north to a city where slavery was outlawed. At last she was free!

In the North, Tubman met many people who did not like slavery. They made plans to help other slaves escape. On Tubman's first rescue trip, she snuck back to the farm where she had worked and found her sister. The two ran north, across the fields and through the woods, all night long. They reached the home of one of Tubman's friends and hid inside from slave hunters during the day. The next night they raced to another home. When they reached the safety of the northern city at last, Tubman left her sister to go back. Tubman bravely made trip after trip, leading hundreds of slaves to freedom.

From what you pictured...

What is the main idea of this story?

Why do you think Tubman chose to escape?

Why do you think the neighbor helped Tubman escape?

Why do you think Tubman rescued her sister first?

Why do you think Tubman kept helping slaves escape?

What do you think might have happened if Tubman had gotten caught?

