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Pretty Teeth

Long ago a Native American man sat down in front of the village medicine man and handed him four tiny pieces of jade. The doctor set the jade bits in a bowl and picked up a small stick with a sharp obsidian tip. The man opened his mouth and the doctor started to grind the sharp stone into one of the man's top front teeth. The doctor slowly ground a shallow hole in the front of the tooth, and then did the same thing in three other teeth. Finally the doctor dipped the jade bits in tree sap and plugged them firmly into the holes in the wincing man's teeth.



Sentence by Sentence

Date: _____

Vocabulary to Visualize:

medicine man: a kind of doctor in some Native American cultures

jade: a precious stone that is blue-green in color

obsidian: a shiny black stone that can have very sharp edges

sap: a sticky, glue-like fluid taken from trees

wince: showing pain or fear with one's face and body language

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First Sentence: Long ago a Native American man sat down in front of the village medicine man and handed him four tiny pieces of jade.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What did you picture for...

1. the man sitting down? _____

2. the man handing over the jade? _____

3. the pieces of jade? _____

4. where the two men are? _____

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Second Sentence: The doctor set the jade bits in a bowl and picked up a small stick with a sharp obsidian tip.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What did you picture for...

1. the doctor putting the jade in the bowl? _____

2. the bowl? _____

3. the doctor picking up the stick? _____

4. the tip of the stick? _____

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Third Sentence: The man opened his mouth and the doctor started to grind the sharp stone into one of the man's top front teeth.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What did you picture for...

1. the man opening his mouth? _____

2. the doctor grinding the stone on the tooth? _____

3. the tooth? _____

4. how sharp the stone is? _____

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Fifth Sentence: Finally the doctor dipped the jade bits in tree sap and plugged them firmly into the holes in the wincing man's teeth.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What did you picture for...

1. the doctor dipping the jade? _____

2. the tree sap? _____

3. the doctor plugging the holes? _____

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Fourth Sentence: The doctor slowly ground a shallow hole in the front of the tooth, and then did the same thing in three other teeth.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What did you picture for...

1. the doctor grinding? _____






2. the hole? _____

3. the other teeth? _____

4. the man's mood? _____

Picture Summary:

Number your images in order. Here I saw...

-  the doctor putting the jade pieces in a bowl and picking up a sharp stick.
-  the doctor dipping the jade in tree sap and plugging them into the holes in the man's teeth.
-  the doctor grinding out a small hole in the tooth and then grinding out three more in other teeth.
-  a Native American man sitting down and giving pieces of jade to a medicine man.
-  the doctor starting to grind the sharp stick into one of the man's teeth.

Critical Thinking

Write a Word Summary:

Main Idea:

Check the box that best describes all your images—the main idea.

- A man went to the village medicine man to have pieces of jade put into his teeth.
- A man went to the village medicine man to have shallow holes ground into four of his teeth.
- A medicine man went to a village to put four pieces of jade in tree sap.

HOTS Questions:

1. From what you pictured, why did the man go see the medicine man? _____

2. From what you pictured, why did the doctor use a stick with a sharp obsidian tip? _____

3. From what you pictured, why did the doctor grind out *shallow* holes? _____

4. From what you pictured, why did the doctor use pieces of *jade*? Why not some other kind of rock? _____

5. From what you pictured, why did the doctor dip the jade in tree sap before putting them in the holes? _____

6. From what you pictured, why was the man *wincing*? Why not smiling? _____
