Davy Crockett

From his first day on this earth, Davy Crockett didn’t shy away from boasting about himself and telling stories. That’s for sure. When he bragged that he was part animal, folks nodded their heads in agreement. Davy could run like a cheetah, swim like a dolphin, and fight like a grizzly.

On top of that, he boasted, “I can catch lightning bolts and slide down rainbows. And, watch out! I’m always fixing for a fight and stalking danger.”

Once, Davy was in the woods without his weapons or traps. All of a sudden, he came upon a creature that smelled as if it would make a fine supper. Davy couldn’t tell for sure because the night was as dark as a coal-bin.

“I dare you to tussle with me, whoever you are,” Davy cried out. “You’ll be sorry, and I won’t be hungry anymore!”

When the moonlight suddenly lit up the creature’s jowls, even Davy had to back up a few steps. In front of him stood a panther, ten times his size, with yellow eyes and shiny fangs.

“Well, hello there, Mr. Panther. I’m sure you’ll be kind enough to accept my apology,” Davy said.

But that big old panther was not thinking along those lines. He was dreaming of Davy inside his stomach. So the two of them growled back and forth at each other. Then they set to wrestling.

Just when it looked like Davy was about to be panther-meat, he kicked that panther under the jaw and sent him slamming into a tree. Then Davy slung the panther over his shoulder and headed home.

“Mercy,” the panther murmured.

(Continued)
“Oh, I’ll show you mercy,” Davy said. “I won’t put an end to you. But you’ve got to follow orders from now on.”

The panther agreed, and from that day on, they were best buddies.

Now, Davy certainly kept up his reputation from one end of Tennessee to the other. They say he actually defrosted the sun one morning when it got frozen in place. He poured hot bear oil on the sun to wake it up and saved the day.

Even after all his exploits, Davy decided he needed more challenges. First, he married a gal named Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind, who was known for being the sweetest, prettiest, sassiest, toughest gal in the West. They met when Sally Ann helped get Davy out of a predicament of his own making.

Second, Davy ran for Congress. “People need a congressman who can out-boast, outrun, and outwit everyone in Washington,” he said. Wouldn’t you know, he won the election and went on to represent his people in a proud and mighty way.

Along about nine years later, Davy volunteered down in Texas to help that state win its independence from Mexico. In a battle at the Alamo, a Texas mission, he and a group of brave men held out as long as they could. But after a courageous fight, Davy Crockett’s life came to an end.

When folks recount the tall tales of Tennessee, they remember Davy Crockett, the folk legend. When folks say, “Remember the Alamo,” they honor Davy Crockett, the real-life hero.
Davy Crockett

Imagine you lived during Davy Crockett’s day. People back then had to trap their own food, build their own houses, and chop their own logs for firewood and cooking. Use the patterns on pages 40–43 to help you answer questions 1–4.

1. Davy often used box traps to catch small animals. He liked to build traps that had perfectly square sides. Cut out the pattern on page 40 and make the shape. What is the name of the solid you made?

Name three things that have this same shape:

___________________________________

___________________________________

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2. Davy had to chop logs for firewood and to build his house and furniture. Cut out the pattern on page 41 and make the shape. What is the name of the solid you made?

Name three things that have this same shape:

___________________________________

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3. For his bed, Davy built a wooden box that had a top, bottom, and sides. Then he put a straw mattress on the bed. Cut out the pattern on page 42 and make the shape. What is the name of the solid you made?

Name three things that have this same shape:

___________________________________

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4. When Davy built his log cabin, he topped it with a sturdy, pitched roof. Cut out the pattern on page 43 and make the shape. What is the name of the solid you made?

Name three things that have this same shape:

___________________________________

___________________________________

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Davy Crockett

Use the patterns on pages 40–43 and this diagram to help you answer questions 5–12.

5. A cube has:
   _________ faces
   _________ edges
   _________ vertices

6. What shape are the faces of your cube?
   __________________________

7. A rectangular prism has:
   _________ faces
   _________ edges
   _________ vertices

8. What shapes are the faces of your rectangular prism?
   __________________________
   __________________________

9. What kind of angles are in a cube and rectangular prism?
   __________________________

10. A triangular prism has:
    _________ faces
    _________ edges
    _________ vertices

11. What shapes are the faces of your triangular prism?
    __________________________
    __________________________

12. What shape is the base of a cylinder?
    __________________________

    What polygon makes up the tube part of your cylinder?
    __________________________
Pattern for Davy Crockett

1. Cut out the pattern.

2. Fold along the solid lines.

3. Glue (or tape) the shape together.
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3. Glue (or tape) the shape together.
Answers (Continued)

page 23
7. 133 hours; 266 hours
8. 24 holes
9. 783 days
10. 448 pounds
11. 225 pounds
12. 14 days; 9 days

Stormalong page 26
1. 50 feet; 126 square feet
2. 22 feet; 30 square feet
3. 34 feet; 30 square feet
4. beans: 152 yards; 1,188 square yards
   corn: 246 yards; 2,592 square yards
   squash: 312 yards; 3,875 square yards

page 27
5. 246 pounds
6. 2,460 pounds
7. 100 pounds/day; 700 pounds/week
8. beans: 464 ounces
   corn: 608 ounces
   squash: 528 ounces
9. 27 pounds
10. 117 pounds; 1,872 ounces
11. 1,026 pounds; 608 ounces

Sal Fink page 34
1. $1.17
2. $6.45
3. $164.82; $10.18
4. $7.78; $2.22
5. $2.19; 2 pictures; $0.62

page 31
7. 300 miles, 350 miles; 480 km, 560 km
8. 750 miles; 1200 km
9. 2,400 miles
10. 3,000; 4,800 km

Pecos Bill page 30
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1. cube; answers will vary
2. cylinder; answers will vary
3. rectangular prism; answers will vary
4. triangular prism; answers will vary
Answers (Continued)

page 39

5. 6; 12; 8
6. square
7. 6; 12; 8
8. rectangles and squares
9. right angles
10. 5; 9; 6
11. triangles and squares
12. circle; rectangle

Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind page 46

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3. 27 seconds; 22 seconds; 17 seconds; 12 seconds; 7 seconds; 2 seconds

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