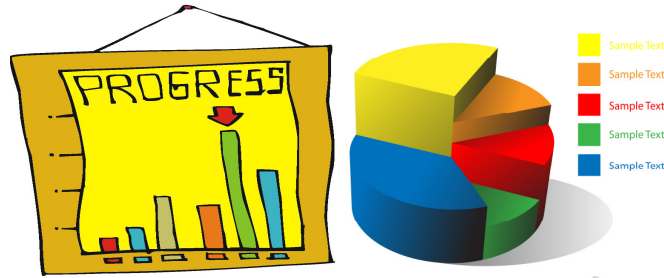


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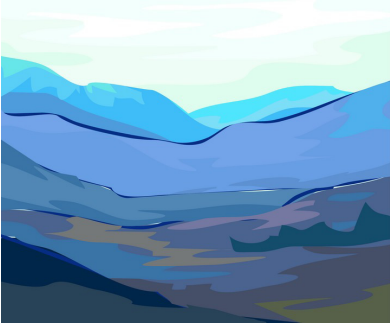


Learning Progress Booklet

Name: _____

Date	Task	Score	My Comments
	Current Skills: Will Wentworth		
	Book 1 Skills Progress: <i>Girls can be Lifeguards too!</i>		
	Book 2 Skills Progress: <i>Young Francis Greenway Part 1</i>		
	Book 3 Skills Progress: <i>Beware Box Jellyfish, Part 1</i>		
	Book 4 Skills Progress: <i>Tanabata, Episode 2</i>		
	Book 5 Skills Progress: <i>What are Tapirs?</i>		
	Final Skills Progress: Will Wentworth		
My comments:			

Current Skills, before starting lessons!



Will Wentworth

William Wentworth was born in 1790 on Norfolk Island. He liked to be called Will. He did not like William because his mum called him William when she was angry. Will is most famous for being one of the three men who first walked across the Blue Mountains.

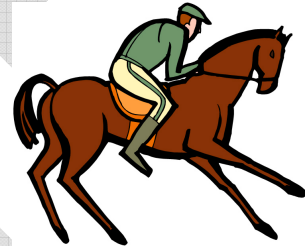
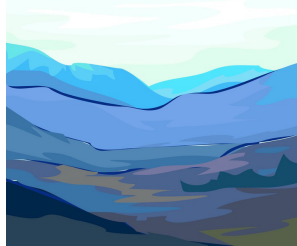
Will lived on Norfolk Island until he was six. Then, this family moved to Sydney. Will lived in Sydney until his dad sent him back to England to go to school when he was 13 years old. Will came back to Sydney when he had finished school. In 1810, Will won the first horse race in Sydney on his dad's horse named Hector.

When he grew up, Will was given some land out near Penrith. Every day he would look at the Blue Mountains a lot from his house in Penrith.

Will didn't know why no one had crossed the mountains. Some people said that no one could ever cross the mountains. They said that the bush had too many dangerous animals and insects. Also, people told stories of aborigines that might kill white settlers. As well, there might be no food or water in the bush.

Will dreamed that one day people would cross those mountains and live on the other side. One day, he met two men and they agreed to try to cross the

mountains. The two men were *Greg Blaxland* and *Will Lawson*. The next day, they packed their gear and set off. They walked and walked for many long days. They used ropes and climbed many difficult mountains and cliffs. Finally, they crossed the *Blue Mountains*. Will was only 23 years old when he, *Greg* and *Will Lawson* crossed the *Blue Mountains*. He would never forget the thrill of seeing what no other white man had seen before: The *Western Plains* of *New South Wales*.



Read the text and write full sentence answers to these questions.

1. Who were the three men who crossed the *Blue Mountains*?

2. What is the main idea of the fourth paragraph?

3. What do you think made Will want to cross the mountains?

4. Other than crossing the Blue Mountains, what might Will be famous for?

5 . When was Will born?

6. How old was Will when he crossed the mountains?

7. Why might Will look out over the mountains all the time?

8. When he was a teenager where did Will go to school?

9. What things did Will and his friends do to cross the mountains?

10. What things do you think might happen next in this text?

11. What reasons did people give for not crossing the mountains?

12. In what year did Will and his friends cross the mountains?

Well Done! 

Student Comments: What did I think about this task? Was it too easy? Too difficult? Too long?	
Teacher Comments:	