Essential Question
What is a tradition? What traditions do you know about?

Comprehension Strategy
visualize

Comprehension Skill
theme

Writing Traits
sentence fluency

Grammar
I and me

Structural Analysis
inflectional endings -ed, -ing

Mechanics
commas in dates and letters

Vocabulary
difficult - not easy

nobody - no person

High Frequency Words
before, front, heard, push, tomorrow, your

Oral Vocabulary Words
effort, tradition, ancient, drama, movement
**Rapid Word Chart Lesson 6.4**

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Write your time each night. Remember, you should get faster each time!!

Monday’s time ____________________________

Tuesday’s time ____________________________

Wednesday’s time ____________________________

Thursday’s time ____________________________
Long ago, Forest gave each animal its own home—each animal, that is, except for Tortoise. He was forgotten.

Lizard was given a home between the rocks. On hot days, Lizard could be seen scampering up on the rocks to lie in the warm sun.

Crab’s home was in a hole in the sand, under a coconut palm. The hole was cool and dark inside. It was the perfect home for Crab.

Snake was given a home beneath the fallen leaves of the forest. The leaves sheltered him from storms and hid him from other animals.

Owl’s home was a hole in a majestic, old tree. The hole was dark and cozy. It kept Owl hidden until night when he would come out to hunt.

The animals thanked Forest for their homes. They were all happy, except for Tortoise.

One night, a terrible storm came.
Our tent looked like a welcoming place to sleep at night.

Mom put a mat down at the edge of the tent. "This mat will help keep our tent clean," she said.

Dad and Maggie started building a fire. A boy from the next tent came to help, too. His name was Nate. He asked us to come and play by his tent.

"Good!" said Mom. "All the hard jobs are done. Tomorrow, I'll feel more like I am having a rest."

"All the hard jobs are done," I said. "Can I go play with Nate by his tent?"

"Stay where we can see you," said Mom. "When you smell food over the fire, you will know that it's time to eat!"

FLUENCY SCORE
Total Words Read per Minute
Number of Errors
Words Correct per Minute (WCPM)
## Rapid Word Chart

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**Time in seconds:**

Monday ______ Tuesday ______ Wednesday_______ Thursday ______
The Gentle Shark

Review Key Words

- teeth: bones in the mouth used to chew food
- chewing: using teeth to break up food
- swallow: to move from the mouth to the stomach
- trap: to catch

Write a Prediction

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Read the Story

Do you think a shark could be gentle? If you do, then you are right. The whale shark can be gentle. Just ask some of the swimmers and deep sea divers who have taken rides on its back.

The whale shark is very large. It is about 50 feet long and weighs 25 tons. It spends its time swimming through the ocean in search of food. It swims about two to three miles an hour.

The whale shark needs a lot of food to keep alive. This huge fish swims with its mouth wide open. This helps it catch small fish and plankton for food. Plankton are tiny animals. The whale shark has three thousand sharp teeth in its mouth. These teeth are not for chewing. They are to trap the fish and plankton that are in the water. Once the food has been trapped, all the shark has to do is swallow.

Cold Timing Score:  |  Final Timing Score:  

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Level 2.5
The Gentle Shark
Reading Fluency Graph