Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox
By Robert D. San Souci
Illustrated by Andrew Glass
Genre: Tall Tale
Focus Skill: Fact and Opinion Focus Strategy: Create Mental Images

Directions: While reading the story “Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox” by Robert D. San Souci answer the questions with information from the text.

1.) How is this selection most like a tall tale? (pg. 670)

2.) According to the selection, why does Babe turn blue? (pg. 672)

3.) Why does Paul Bunyan name the ox Babe? (pg. 672)

4.) When Babe grows so fast and strong what does Paul decide to do? (pg. 673)
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<td>5.) According to the selection, why do the Great Lakes exist?</td>
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<td>6.) When do the loggers change from grumbling about Babe to liking the ox?</td>
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<td>7.) What is one way Paul's bookkeeping saves money?</td>
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<td>8.) Which of Paul's problems does Babe solve when he drinks the Mississippi dry?</td>
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<td>9.) Besides being a hard-working ox, what else does Babe like to do?</td>
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<td>10.) According to the selection, why are the Dakotas smooth, rolling plains and farmland today?</td>
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<td>11.) What giant sized problem faces Paul and his men in the North Woods?</td>
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<td>12.) What finally happens to the mosquitoes with bee stingers?</td>
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13.) Even though he has invented much of the equipment used by loggers, how does Paul Bunyan feel after many years?

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14.) Why would *Larger than Life* be a good title for this selection?

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