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# The Story of Johnny Appleseed

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**J**ohn Chapman was  
born in Massachusetts.  
It was September 26, 1774.



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nurseryman. He learned to  
plant trees. He learned to  
care for trees too.

Cities in the east got big.  
Few people lived in the



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west. The land there was new. The U.S. wanted more people to live there. It sold land for little money. Sometimes the land was free! It was free if people planted fruit trees. Many people went west.

John went west too. One

John made fences around them. Fences kept the saplings safe. Fences also showed he owned the land. John waited a few years. Then he sold the saplings.



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John went many new places. He always had his seeds. Some stories say he had no shoes. Other stories say he had a funny hat. It was his cooking pot!

The seeds did not make much money. John had a new idea. He planted the seeds. The seeds became young trees called saplings.

them free seeds or saplings. People began to call him Johnny Appleseed.

John planted many trees. He planted them all over. He owned lots of land. It was more than 1,200 football fields! John died in 1845. He was 70 years old. The story of Johnny Appleseed lives on. So do his trees!

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1. What was Johnny Appleseed's real name?

Why do we call him Johnny Appleseed today?



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c. meat made him sick.

d. He preferred to eat apples.

3. Where did Johnny mostly plant apple seeds?

a. far north    b. east coast    c. the Midwest    d. far south

4. Where did Johnny get many of his first seeds?

a. an apple cider mill    b. the apples he ate  
c. a store in the city    d. his family's farm

5. Some people have Johnny Appleseed Day during planting season, on March 11. Why do others have it on September 26?

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Draw straight lines to match each vocabulary word on the left with its definition on the right.

A cartoon superhero with brown hair, wearing a blue suit with a red cape and a shield emblem with the letters 'STW' on his chest. He is flying through a blue sky with white clouds.

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|---------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 4. cities     | • | • for plants                       |
| 5. free       | • | • young trees                      |
| 6. funny      | • | • not in a building                |
| 7. nurseryman | • | • places where lots of people live |
| 8. outdoors   | • | • a job, craft, or skill           |

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In the article, "The Story of Johnny Appleseed," you read about John Chapman. He went around planting apples, caring for nature, and helping people.

If you could spread something nice to help people, what would it be? Why? Be sure to tell how it helps others and where you would go.



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**September 26 is Johnny Appleseed's birthday.**

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8. outdoors

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