

**Grade 4 Theme 6 Story 3**  
**“Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox”**

**LA.A.1.2.3 – Vocabulary – pg. 672**

1. Read this sentence from the story.

**Kneeling down on the snowy bank, he fished out the soggy calf.**

When the author writes that Paul, “*fished out the soggy calf,*” he means

- A. Paul gave the calf a fish as a treat to get him out of the water.  
(incorrect meaning)
- B. Paul used a fishing pole to pull the calf out of the water.  
(does not fit the context)
- C. Paul pulled the calf out of the water with his arms.  
(correct answer)
- D. Paul swam like a fish with the calf to get him out of the water.  
(incorrect meaning)

**LA.A.2.2.2 – Author’s Purpose – pgs. 670-681**

2. Why did the author write the story “Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox?”
- A. To inform the readers how the lumber companies began.  
(incorrect interpretation)
  - B. To entertain the readers with a humorous story about a logger.  
(correct answer)
  - C. To explain to the readers real events in a logger’s life.  
(incorrect interpretation)
  - D. To persuade the readers to become loggers.  
(incorrect interpretation)

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**LA.E.2.2.1 – Cause and Effect – pg. 678**

3. Why did Paul send Sourdough Sam to Maine to bring back the giant bees?
- A. To play a joke on his men.  
(incorrect effect)
  - B. To give Babe some fine pets to take care of.  
(plausible but incorrect)
  - C. To chase the giant mosquitoes away.  
(correct answer)
  - D. To collect their stingers to use as hammers.  
(plausible but incorrect)

**LA.A.2.2.1 – Main Idea – pg. 678**

4. What happened AFTER Paul cut down all the trees in North Dakota but BEFORE he and his men returned to the North Woods?
- A. He changed the Dakotas into rolling plains.  
(correct answer)
  - B. He gave up logging to become an honest cook.  
(plausible but incorrect)
  - C. He and his men were attacked by giant mosquitoes.  
(events taken out of order)
  - D. He invented gadgets that changed the logging industry.  
(events taken out of order)

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**LA.A.2.2.1 – Similarities and Differences – pgs. 671-681**

5. How does Paul change in the story?
- A. At first he lives with Babe; then he lives alone.  
(plausible but incorrect)
  - B. At first he is against logging, then he becomes a super logger.  
(plausible but incorrect)
  - C. At first he works with a crew; then he works alone.  
(incorrect contrast)
  - D. At first he cuts trees; then he watches trees grow.  
(correct answer)