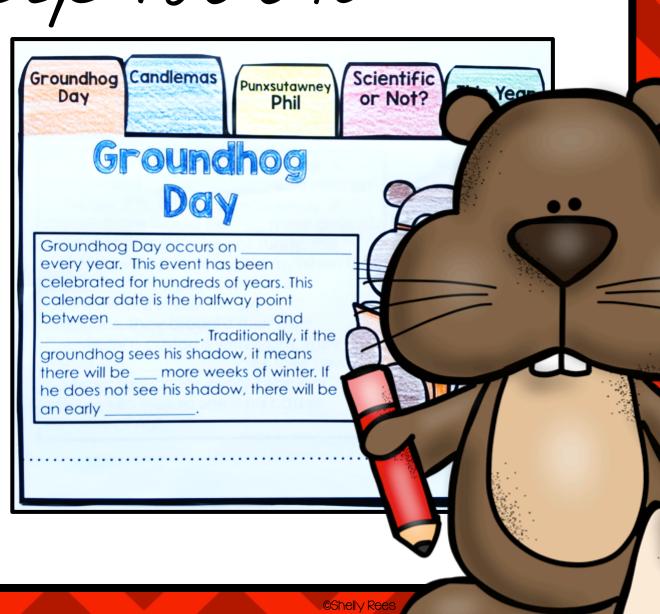
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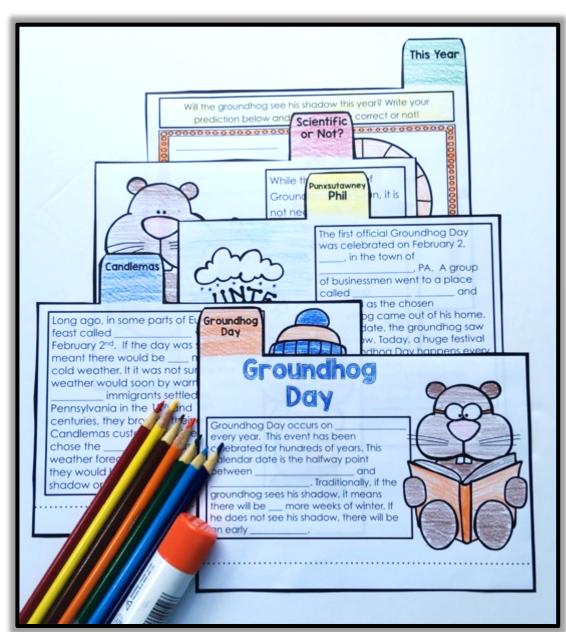
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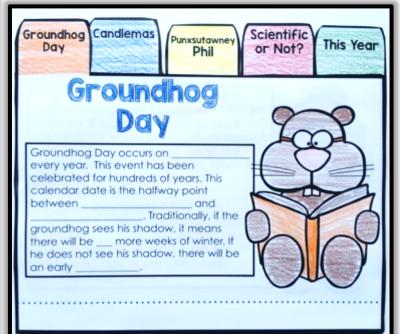
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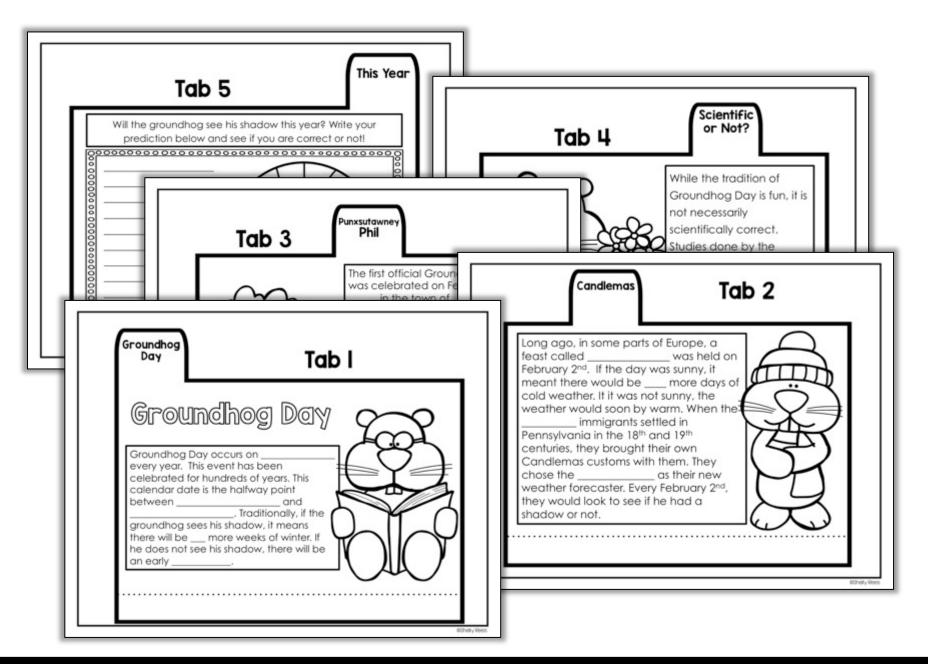
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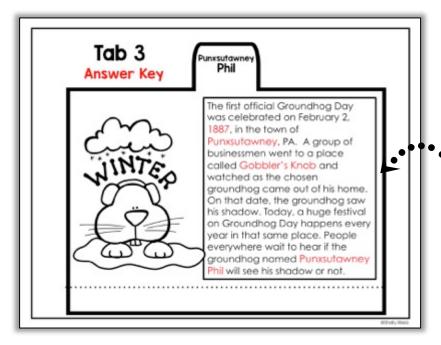


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The History of Groundhog Day

Can a groundhog really predict the end of winter? On February 2nd, people everywhere wait to see what the groundhog will predict for the weather for the next few months. Will it be an early spring or will it be six more weeks of cold winter weather?

This custom has been around for hundreds of years and is still celebrated today. February 2nd is the halfway point between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, and is officially known as Groundhog Day. Long before it was known as Groundhog Day, it was celebrated in other ways. In some parts of Europe, Christians held a feast called "Candlemas" on this day. If the Candlemas day was sunny, it meant there would be another 40 days of cold, snowy weather. If not, it meant that the weather would so an argument and warm.

When the German immigrants settled in Pennsylvania in the 18th and 19th conditions, they brought their own form of a Candlemas celebration with them. Their custom involved using an animal as the annual forecaster of the weather. They chose the native groundhog as the their new weather forecaster. Every February 2nd, they watched the groundhog emerge from his home. If they saw his shadow, it meant another 6 weeks of winter. If his shadow could not be seen, then the spring season was just around the corner.

The first official Groundhog Day celebration occurred, or took place, on February 2, 1887, in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Local newspaper editor Clymer Freas formed a group of businessmen and groundhog hunters called the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club. The group went to a local site called Gobbler's Knob and watched as the first chosen groundhog came out of his home. On that first Groundhog Day, the creature saw his shadow, and the local people knew they were in for another 6 weeks of cold weather.

Today, a huge festival takes place in Punsxutawney, Pennsylvania every year on February 2nd. The official people in charge of the celebration wear black top hats and supposedly speak to the groundhog in "Groundhogese." Tens of thousands of peoples watch as the groundhog, named Punssutawney Phil, comes out of his home early in the morning, waiting to find out if he will see his shadow or not.

If you are sure the groundhog is always correct n predicting the arrival of an early spring, you may want to think again. Studies done by the National Climatic Data Center and the Canadian Weather Service have shown that the groundhog's weather predictions are correct less than 40% of the time. Even though Groundhog Day is not necessarily scientifically correct, it a fun way to look ahead to warmer days and sunnier weather!

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