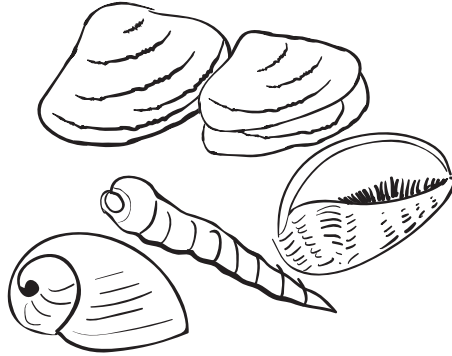
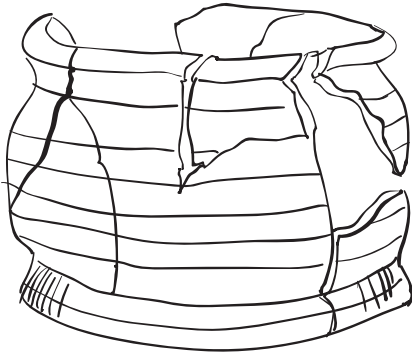


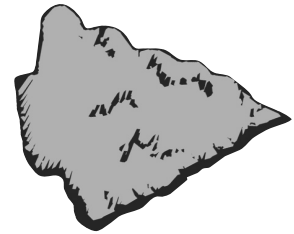
a Yamacraw Midden



A midden is a garbage dump! Even Native Americans, like the Yamacraw who lived in Georgia when the colonists came and founded the city of Savannah, had trash. They heaped it up and covered it with dirt. The site became known as a midden. Archaeologists “dig” middens because they often reveal how the Indians once lived in an area. In *The Ghosts of Pickpocket Plantation*, the land the plantation is on is located near Irene Mound, a former Indian site now being excavated.



Do a little excavation of your own and match the artifact with what it might have been used for. Draw a line between each item and the matching description.



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|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mortar and pestle | Used as dishes or for water |
| Oyster shells | Used for carrying harvested crops |
| Arrowhead, rough | Used to pound corn into meal |
| Pot | Used as tips in an arrow |
| Woven basket | Used as spoons or to dig with |



Go Gators!

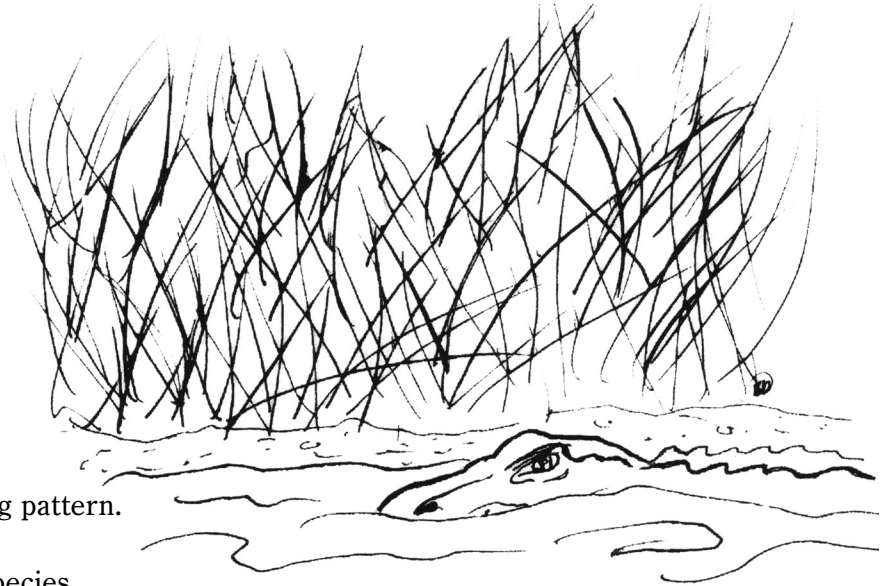


Terry encounters an enormous bull (male) alligator in the coastal swamp in *The Ghosts of Pickpocket Plantation*. See what you know about the American Alligator!

Write "T" for True or "F" for False on the line next to each factoid.

TRUE OR FALSE?

- ___ 1. Alligators are extinct in America today.
- ___ 2. Alligators can run very fast for a short distance.
- ___ 3. Alligators cannot stand up on their four legs.
- ___ 4. Alligators cannot run in a zigzag pattern.
- ___ 5. Alligators are an endangered species.
- ___ 6. Alligators are often a nuisance and threat in some populated areas.
- ___ 7. You should stay as far away from an alligator as possible.
- ___ 8. You should never feed an alligator.



1-False; 2-True; 3-False; 4-True; 5-False, they once were but have made a great comeback; 6-True, because we build in or near their native habitats; 7-True; 8-True, this only encourages them to stick around which you do not want them to do!

Medicinal Mystique: I See a tree... the Indians Saw a toothbrush!



In *The Ghosts of Pickpocket Plantation*, the main character, Terry, encounters a Confederate soldier lost in the forest. He is struggling to survive. Native Americans learned the secrets of the forests through trial and error. Later, they passed this valuable forest “how to” down to the colonists.

See if you can match the forest resource to its possible use! Read carefully and you’ll discover some hints in the “use” column! Write each resource’s number next to its description.

Natural Resource:

1-Blackberry leaves and roots

2-Dog fennel

3-Black birch leaves

4-Yellowroot

5-Black birch cambium (the green part under the bark)

6-Black birch twigs

Indians used for...

___ Its oil of wintergreen was used for aches and pains

___ Chewed to relieve a stomachache or steeped to make a soothing tea

___ Used as a toothbrush

___ Indians used to help clot blood; Civil War doctors used to treat wounds; if you had any leftover, you could make pie!

___ Good for gums, mouth, and the skin, if you don't mind looking like a banana!

___ Used to make a tonic to calm nerves, even of an excitable puppy

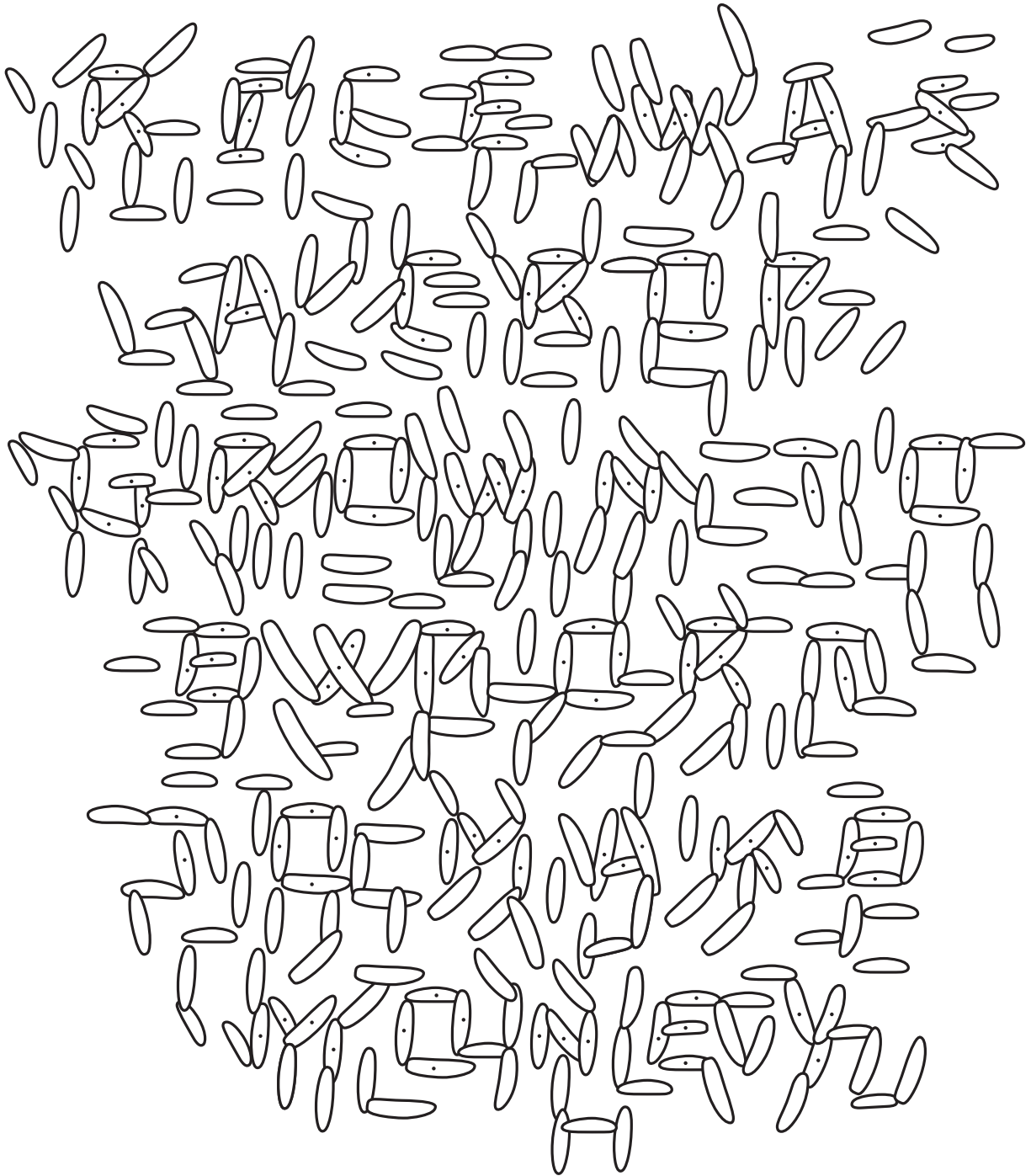


Rice is Nice! Carolina Gold really Was Gold in Some Early Colonies



In *The Ghosts of Pickpocket Plantation*, Terry spends a summer with his Aunt Penny at her newly-inherited rice plantation. Rice was important to the Georgia and Carolina colonies. Its most profitable rice was called Carolina Gold for its creamy golden color.

Color the dotted rice grains below to figure out the hidden message! →



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Color the Carolina Parakeet!

Use the color-by-number key, below, to color this extinct feathered flyer!

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