

I'd Like to Buy a Vowel.....

All of the vowels in the names of these common trees found at the Kortright Centre are missing. Use the letters hanging in the trees to fill in the blanks. For clues, use the work bank below.

S _ g _ r M _ pl _

Wh _ t _ P _ n _

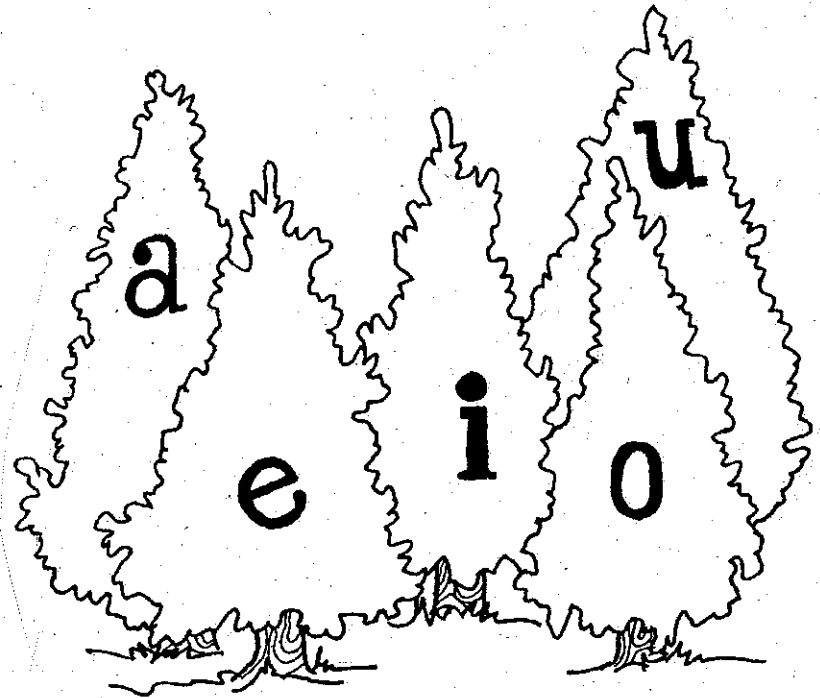
R _ d O _ k

_ _ st _ rn H _ ml _ ck

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Word Bank

White Spruce

White Pine

Eastern Hemlock

Red Oak

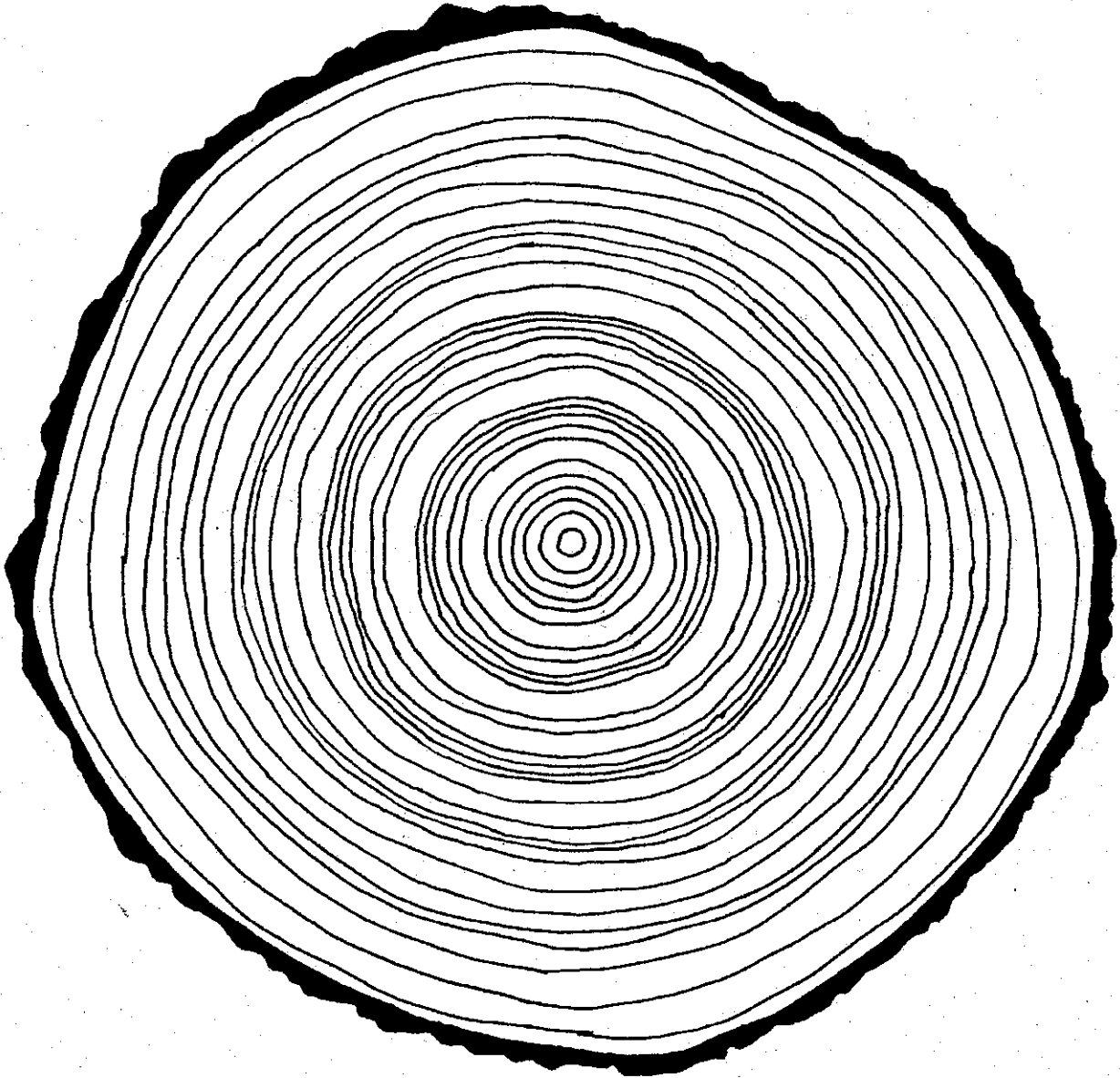
Beech

Sugar Maple

White Ash

History in a Tree

This is a tree cookie (a cross section) cut from a tree that was a seedling in 1980 and lived to be 30 years old. Each ring represents 1 year of growth for the tree. The centre ring marks the tree's first year of growth. Can you locate the rings that occurred at the same time as the events listed at the bottom of the page?



1. Put an "X" on the ring that grew during the year you were born
2. Put an "HP" on the year that the first Harry Potter novel, *The Philosopher's Stone*, was released (1997)
3. Put an "O" on the year of the Vancouver Winter Olympic's (2010)
4. Put a **star** on the year that Halley's comet returned (1986)
4. Put a **black dot** on the year of the major blackout that put Ontario and much of the eastern seaboard in the dark. (2003)
5. Plot a couple of events that you can think of that happened in the last 30 years.

Create Your Own History!!

The life history of a tree can be told by looking at the tree "rings". A tree slice used to count the rings is called a "tree cookie". Below is a tree cookie that you can use to tell your life history. To make your personal tree cookie, first draw enough rings inside the cookie to equal your age today. Each ring is one year of your life. The first ring, at the very centre of the cookie, represents your first birthday. The last ring should be close to the bark. Identify the rings that mark special moments and events in your life. Events could include...when you born, your first day of school, a special trip with your family or with your class, when you got your family pet and so on. Have fun creating your history!!!!

