



# "THE LIFETIME SECRETS OF A SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA TREE"

ANOTHER SHORT STORY

WRITTEN BY MANUEL MOLINA OSORIO

## PRE-READING ACTIVITIES

**A.1** WHAT DO YOU THINK THE STORY IS ABOUT?

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**A.2** EXPLAIN IN YOUR WORDS THE TITLE "THE LIFETIME SECRETS OF A SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA TREE"

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**A.3** WRITE DOWN 5 ADJECTIVES TO BEST DESCRIBE THE FRONT PAGE OF THE BOOK

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**A.4** WHO IS OR ARE THE MAIN CHARACTER (S) IN THIS STORY?

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**A.5** WHAT KIND OF STORIES DO YOU MOST LIKE TO READ? WHY?

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WHILE-READING ACTIVITIES

B.1 WHY DOES THE STORY START WITH AN IMAGINARY LOCATION?

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B.2 WHAT CHARACTERISTICS DOES A MAGNOLIA TREE HAVE?

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B.3 WHAT TREES ARE MENTIONED IN THE STORY?

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B.4 WHY DO BIRDS MIGRATE?

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B.5 WHY IS THE LONG-TAILED MEADOWLARK IMPORTANT IN THE STORY?

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B.6 WHAT DO PEOPLE EXPECT TO HAPPEN IN THE CITY'S MAIN SQUARE?

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## HANDOUT 3 SHORT STORY "THE LIFETIME SECRETS OF A SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA TREE" POST-READING ACTIVITIES

**C.1** WHAT IS YOUR SENSATION AFTER READING THIS STORY?

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**C.2** MAKE A LIST OF 10 WORDS THAT ARE NEW FOR YOU WITH THEIR DEFINITIONS AND ONE EXAMPLE

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**C.3** ARE FRIENDS IMPORTANT IN YOUR LIFE? WHY?

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**C.4** DO YOU SHARE YOUR SECRETS WITH FRIENDS? TELL YOUR EXPERIENCE

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**C.5** WHY ARE COMMUNITIES RELEVANT IN THE STORY?

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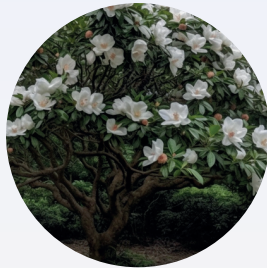
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## ENGLISH IN ENGLISH

### STORY: "THE LIFETIME SECRETS OF A SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA TREE"

#### D.1 MATCH THE PICTURE WITH THE CORRECT WORD:



1. MAGNOLIA TREE
2. MAIN SQUARE
3. LONG-TAILED MEADOWLARK
4. AURORA BOREALIS

#### D.2 CREATE A SENTENCE WITH THE FOLLOWING SET OF WORDS:

- A) SECRETS / FRIENDSHIP / RELIEVE
- B) SPRING / BLOSSOM / CHILE
- C) NEST / OFFSPRING / MIGRATE

#### D.3 WHAT IS THE WORD?

- A) \_\_\_\_\_ A TALL PERENNIAL WOODY PLANT HAVING A MAIN TRUNK AND BRANCHES
- B) \_\_\_\_\_ GET HEALTHY AGAIN
- C) \_\_\_\_\_ MATERIAL IN THE TOP LAYER OF THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH IN WHICH PLANTS CAN GROW





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## IMPORTANT LINKS FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION

**1. THE STARRING BIRD OF THE STORY:**

<https://ebird.org/species/lotmea1>

**2. AURORA BOREALIS:**

<https://www.space.com/15139-northern-lights-auroras-earth-facts-sdcmp.html>

**3. MAGNOLIA TREE:**

<https://www.britannica.com/plant/magnolia-plant>

**4. COMMON TREES:**

<https://cordillerana.cl/en/blogs/hechoamano/arboles-nativos-de-chile>

**5. TREES IN CHILE:** <https://www.gochile.cl/en/flora-fauna/flora.htm>

**6. AUTHOR'S CONTACT PAGE:** <https://www.rmm.cl/portales/4402>

**7. DICTIONARY:** <https://www.wordreference.com/es/>

**8. COLLOCATIONS DICTIONARY:** <https://www.freecollocation.com/>

**9. SYNONYMS:** <https://www.thesaurus.com/browse/happy>

**10. BIRD MIGRATION:**

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/bird-migration>