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Class: _____ Date: _____

If Trees Told Stories

An activity of "400-year-old oak wins tree contest"

Read "400-year-old oak wins tree contest" (page 10-11, *What's Up* May 2026). The article introduces remarkable trees around the world. It also shares that trees may embody memories and have special meaning for people who live around them.

1. Based on what you have read about old trees from the article, fill in the table below.

Tree	Why it is special	What meaning it has
i) Oak of Laukiai	400 years old; won European Tree of the Year	
ii) Old Wild Apple Tree		Represents peace, childhood memories and resilience
iii) Crooked Elm	Unusual shape; linked to a local legend	
iv) Hyperion		Shows the wonder of nature
v) Old Tjikko	Roots are over 9500 years old	
iv) Chestnut of the Hundred Horses		Linked to legend and shelter

2a) Choose one fact about your school or nearby community. It could be about any of the following:

- When your school was founded
- What the area used to be like
- A school value or motto
- An important event
- A meaningful place in the school
- A memory shared by an older teacher or staff member

2b) Write about it here:


3a) Look for an old tree in your school or nearby. Imagine it has stood there for years before you were even born. Discuss with a partner:

- How might this tree be connected to the history of the place?
- What do you think it might have seen?
- What secrets might it hold?

3b) Sketch the tree here ↓.

Rings of **Remembrance**
If trees could remember...

Sketch your tree here.



Type of tree:
Location:
Estimated age:
Special features:
What is around the tree:
Mood of the place:
Peaceful / busy / cheerful / lonely / mysterious / ordinary / Other: _____



4. Present your imagined story about it in here ↓.

Rings of Remembrance

If trees could remember...

Complete the sentences in each memory ring from the point of view of the tree

Long ago, this place was...

I remember when...

Around me, the school changed as...

Beneath my branches, people...

I watched...

May this place continue to...

We should protect this tree because...

5. Cut out these two Rings of Remembrance and join them to create a poster about the tree. Share your poster with your class.