The Spruce Goose

Review Key Words

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<td>airplane</td>
<td>a machine with wings that can fly</td>
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<td>flight</td>
<td>a trip in an airplane</td>
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<td>supplies</td>
<td>things stored and then used when needed</td>
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<td>World War II</td>
<td>a war fought from 1939 to 1945 among many countries</td>
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Read the Story

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<td>The largest airplane ever built flew only one time. Many people know this airplane as the Spruce Goose.</td>
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<td>Howard Hughes and his staff built this airplane in the 1940s. They built it to carry soldiers and supplies to Europe during World War II.</td>
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<td>Because it was wartime, Hughes made the airplane out of wood.</td>
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<td>When it was finished, the Spruce Goose had a <strong>wingspan</strong> of 320 feet. It weighed about 400,000 pounds. Eight engines hung on the wings. On November 2, 1947, Howard Hughes flew the Spruce Goose. It flew only 70 feet above the water. It took about a minute and a half to go just over a mile. Then it landed, never to fly again. Howard Hughes kept the Spruce Goose in flight condition until he died in 1976. He even replaced the engines with ones that were more powerful. But the Spruce Goose never flew again.</td>
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1. What is the main idea of this story?
   a. The Spruce Goose was made out of wood.
   b. The Spruce Goose was huge and only flew once.
   c. Hughes flew the Spruce Goose in 1947.

2. Why was the Spruce Goose built?
   a. to carry soldiers and supplies
   b. to fulfill a dream of Mr. Hughes
   c. to experiment with wooden planes

3. What does wingspan mean in this story?
   a. the speed of the airplane
   b. the weight of the airplane
   c. the distance across the wings

4. Why did the Spruce Goose fly only one time?
   a. It was too big and too heavy.
   b. World War II ended.
   c. It was not kept in good condition.

5. How was the Spruce Goose different than most airplanes that fly now?

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