

Sing Down the Moon Internet Hunt

based on the novel *Sing Down the Moon* by Scott O'Dell

Directions: Use the [colored links](#) provided to find the answers to the questions. Use the **Go menu** of your browser to return to this page. If a page is not available, write offline on your sheet.

1. The people in the story live near a Mesa. What is a [mesa](#)?

2. O'Dell tells of the piñon trees shaking off their coverings of snow. What kind of tree is a [piñon](#)? [Evergreen or Deciduous?](#) [How do people use it?](#)

3. This is a story of the Navajo people. [Write three facts](#) about their culture or lives.

4. Bright Morning and her family are forced to walk to Fort Sumner. In what state is it [located](#)? How far did the soldiers force some people to walk?

What is the longest distance you remember walking? _____

5. Dine or Navajo people built hooghans. [Why does the entrance face east?](#) [Name the two kinds of hooghans](#)

6. When a Navajo baby is born whose [clan does it belong to](#)? Is it the mother's clan or the father's clan? If you were born Navajo your cousins would be considered your?

7. Are the events in the story [fact or fiction](#)?

8. The churring song of an owl is mentioned at the end of chapter 7. Which owl do you think it was? (Review the [facts about these owls](#). Consider habitat, range, & sound they make. Come to a conclusion.)

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8. Did the Navajos in the tale practice the [Three Sisters method of planting](#)? Describe it.

9. Where does [O'Dell](#) get his ideas for his stories?

 **Challenges:**

If you could travel to [Canyon De Chelly](#) what would you like to see?

Explore the Native American Geometry site - <http://www.earthmeasure.com/>

Learn about the Navajo Code Talkers and the critical role they played in WWII.

Library of Congress - [History of the American West](#)

[Sing Down the Moon Puzzle](#)

Challenge:

You are going to write a novel based on your community. List the places, the people, the unique geography, and the local historic events that you might include in your story.

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