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## LITERATURE PUZZLE ANSWER: CHRISTOPHER ROBIN

Puzzle by Lauren Platt. Special thanks to Professor Bahr for his guidance! Source: the Winnie the Pooh series by A. A. Milne

The theme of this puzzle is Winnie the Pooh/Hundred Acre Wood. The object of the puzzle is to explore the forest and get ready for a whimsical party with friends just like the adventures in the books!

The map is meant to resemble the drawing of the Hundred Acre Wood map with the same stream as in the original map and the trees drawn throughout the map. The title of the puzzle (Party Animals) is also meant to be a reference to all of the animal characters in the stories.

The blocks are the shapes of the letters of each word/thing that we should collect for the party. The words can be figured out by matching letter shapes and considering the corresponding hint. Additionally, by matching up this map with the original Hundred Acre Wood drawing, we can see that the location of each word on this map is related to the places on the original map.

On the puzzle map, the word "sandwiches" is in the same location as "nice for piknicks" on the original map. Sandwiches are a great food to bring to a whimsical party or a picnic. Additionally, the phrase "nice for picnics" in the hint is a reference to "nice for piknicks" on the original map.

On the puzzle map, the word "dessert" is in the same location as "Pooh Bear's House" on the original map. Dessert is a sweet food to bring to a whimsical party! Additionally, in the clue, there are references to Winnie the Pooh with the words "honey" and "bear." Honey is stored in Winnie the Pooh's House in the books.

On the puzzle map, the word "imagination" is in the same location as "Pooh trap for Heffalumps" on the original map. In the books, Pooh and his friends imagine the scary Heffalump monsters. However, a more positive, whimsical imagination is a great thing to bring to a party!

On the puzzle map, the word "balloons" is in the same location as "Eeyores gloomy place" on the original map. In the stories, Eeyore is associated with balloons like when Eeyore loses his tail and replaces it with a balloon. Balloons are a great way to celebrate at a party! The words "gloomy" and "gray" also give more hints toward Eeyore and his sad attitude.

On the puzzle map, the word "stories" is in the same location as "Owls house" on the original map. Telling stories can be a great thing to do together at a gathering of friends! Owl is seen as one of the smartest characters in the forest and he has many books in his house. The words "owl," "wise," and "smart" in the clue are meant to be more hints toward the character of Owl.

On the puzzle map, the word "friends" is in the same location as "my [Christopher Robin's] house" on the original map. Christopher Robin is a friend to all in the Hundred Acre Wood and he is the friend who is hosting the party! The references to pigs, tigers, and other creatures is meant to be another hint toward the animals of the Hundred Acre Wood (particularly Piglet and Tigger). The "best features" of any good party are the friends that we get to see and share the experience with!

Once the words are all determined, particular attention should be paid to the colored letters: A red letter C in the word "sandwiches," an orange letter R in the word "dessert," a yellow letter O in the word "imagination," a green letter B in the word "balloons," a blue letter I in the word "stories," and a purple letter N in the word "friends." When these letters are all picked out and arranged in rainbow order, they spell out CROBIN, Christopher Robin.

This Winnie the Pooh/Hundred Acre Wood themed puzzle is related to the children's literature classes at MIT! The party is also meant to be a nod to Lit Tea, literature gatherings hosted every week by the literature department!