

The Torch of Friendship

Fill in the circle by the correct answer. Then answer the questions.

1. The *Torch of Friendship* was given as a gift in _____.
Ⓐ 2000
Ⓑ 2001
Ⓒ 2002

2. The *Torch of Friendship* is a _____.
Ⓐ sculpture
Ⓑ building
Ⓒ painting

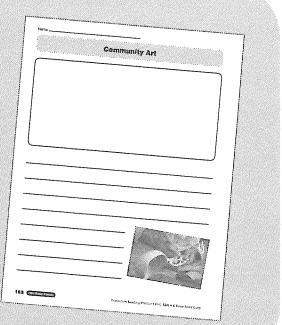
3. What is the *Torch of Friendship* made from?

4. What does the *Torch of Friendship* show you about people in San Antonio and Mexico?

Write About the Topic

Use the Writing Form to draw and write about what you read.

Draw the *Torch of Friendship*. Write to tell about it and where it came from.



Pottery

Level 1 ■

Words to Know list, Reading Selection, and Reading Comprehension questions

What Potters Do

Many artists like to make things that people can use. Some artists like to make pottery. These artists are called potters. Potters can make cups and bowls. They can make vases for people to put flowers in. Some potters make plates or pots. There are many different things that potters can make.

Potters use clay to make pottery. They push and pull the clay with their hands. Then they form a work of art. Potters can use clay tools. They can make lines and shapes with tools.

Potters put their work into large ovens, called kilns. The pottery bakes inside of the kiln. This makes the clay hard. The clay will keep the shape the potter made. Then the potters can sell their finished art to others.

Words to Know

- potters
- pottery
- potters
- clay
- art
- tools
- lines
- shapes
- ovens
- kilns
- finished

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Level 2 ■■

Words to Know list, Reading Selection, and Reading Comprehension questions

Using a Pottery Wheel

Potters are artists. They use their hands to make pottery. Many potters use a wheel to shape clay. The potter can make the wheel spin fast or slow. She puts the clay on the wheel. Then she uses her hands to form, or make, the shape of a bowl.

The potter can add water to the clay to make it softer. She can make lines on the bowl with tools. It can be hard to work with a pottery wheel, though. Sometimes, the clay shape falls in on itself. Artists have to practice to become better at their art.

When the potter is finished, it is time to bake the bowl. The potter puts the bowl in a kiln. This is an oven that bakes the pottery. It takes a long time to make the bowl hard. All of the work is worth it. The finished bowl is a beautiful piece of art!

Words to Know

- potters
- artists
- pottery
- wheel
- shape
- clay
- form
- tools
- itself
- art
- finished
- kiln

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Level 3 ■■■

Words to Know list, Reading Selection, and Reading Comprehension questions

Making Clay Art

Artists who make pottery are called potters. How do potters make works of art? First, they get a clump, or ball, of clay. They squish the clay in their hands. This makes the clay easier to form into shapes. Potters can pat water on the clay, too. Water makes the clay softer and easier to work with.

Sometimes, potters put special paint on their pottery. This paint is called glaze. The glaze adds colors to the pottery. Glaze can also make pottery shiny and smooth. Potters can use glaze to make their art any color they want.

The final step is to fire, or bake, the pottery. Potters fire the works of art in large ovens called kilns. A kiln makes the pottery hard, and also bakes the glaze. Now the art is finished!

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- potters
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- clay
- squish
- paint
- glaze
- shiny
- smooth
- fire
- kilns
- finished

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Assemble the Unit

Reproduce and distribute one copy for each student:

- Visual Literacy page: Pottery Supplies, page 171
- Level 1, 2, or 3 Reading Selection and Reading Comprehension page and the corresponding Words to Know list
- Graphic Organizer of your choosing, provided on pages 180–186
- Writing Form: Pottery, page 172

Introduce the Topic

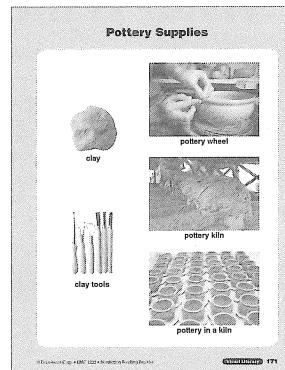
Review the images and names of the pottery supplies. Explain that the kiln is electric and works much like a kitchen oven. Ask students to describe their personal experiences working with clay, such as in art class.

Read and Respond

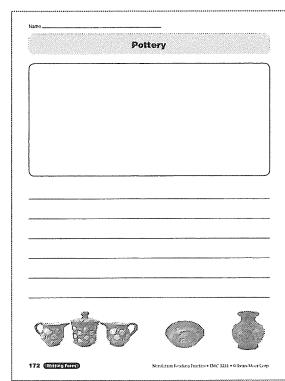
Form leveled groups and review the Words to Know lists with each group of students. Instruct each group to read their selection individually, in pairs, or as a group. Have students complete the Reading Comprehension page for their selection.

Write About the Topic

Read aloud the leveled writing prompt for each group. Tell students to use the Graphic Organizer to plan their writing. Direct students to use their Writing Form to respond to their prompt.



Visual Literacy

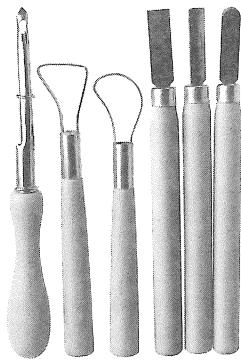


Writing Form

Pottery Supplies



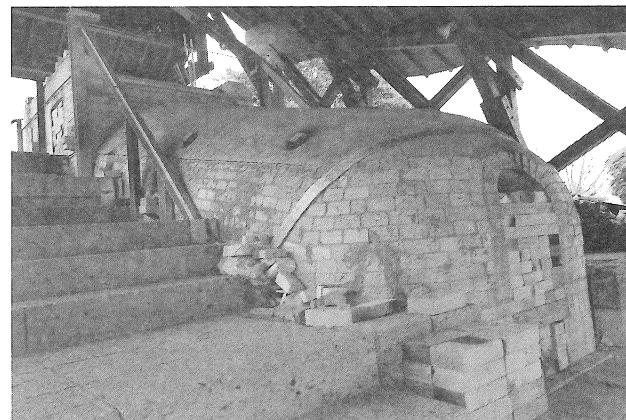
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clay tools



pottery wheel



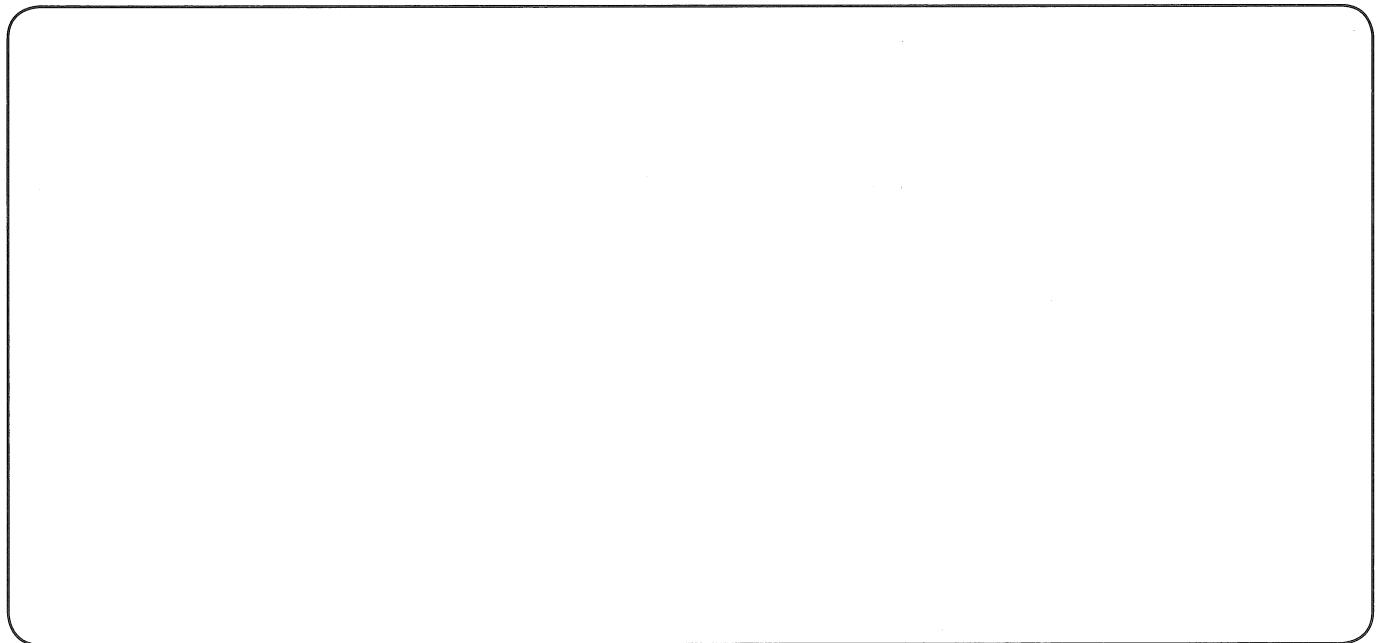
pottery kiln



pottery in a kiln

Name _____

Pottery





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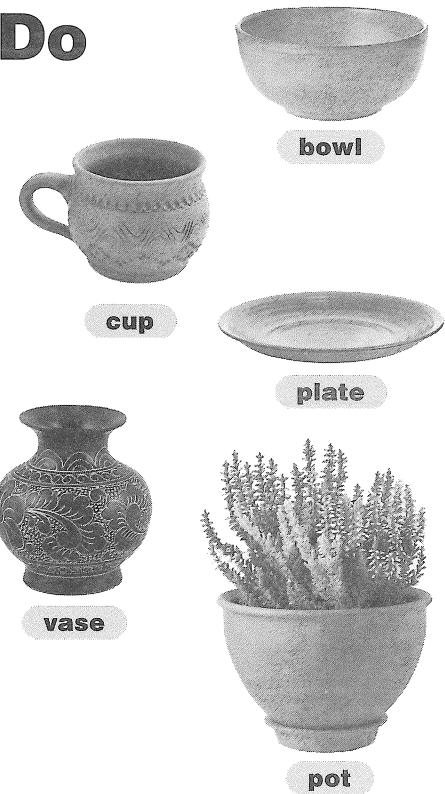
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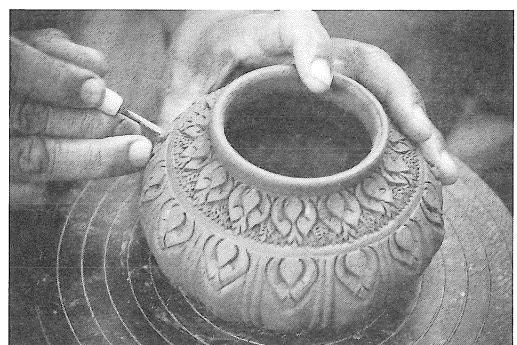
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using clay tools to make designs

What Potters Do

Fill in the circle by the correct answer. Then answer the questions.

1. Artists who make pottery are called _____.
Ⓐ vases
Ⓑ kilns
Ⓒ potters

2. Artists can use _____ to make lines and shapes on clay.
Ⓐ clay tools
Ⓑ kilns
Ⓒ cups

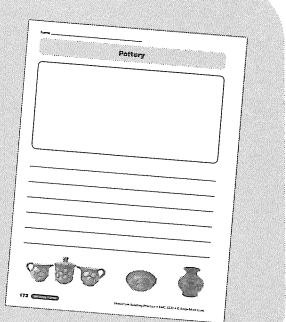
3. What is the main idea of the text?

4. Write the sentences that tell you what potters do to bake their clay art.

Write About the Topic

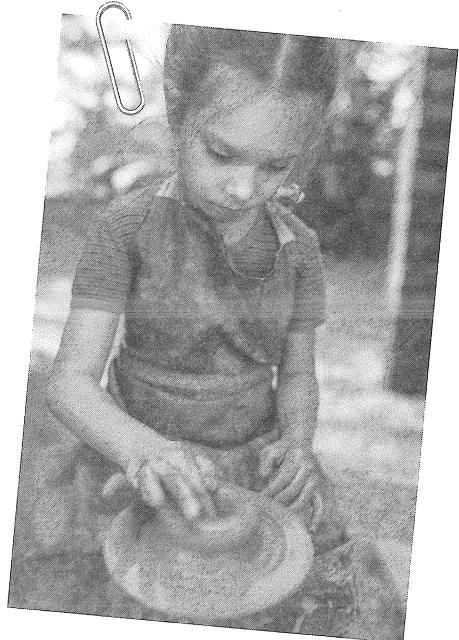
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Draw a clay cup. Write to tell how potters make their pottery.

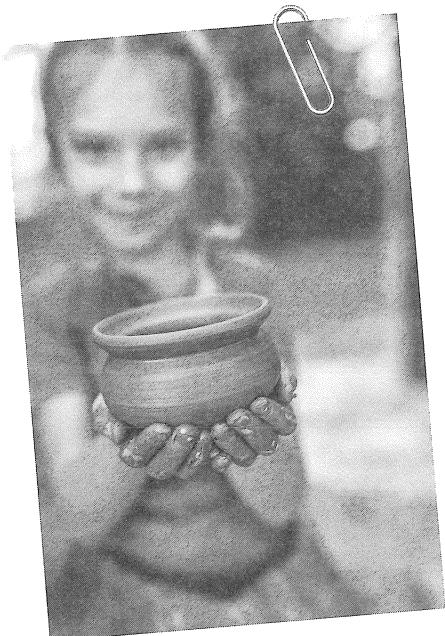


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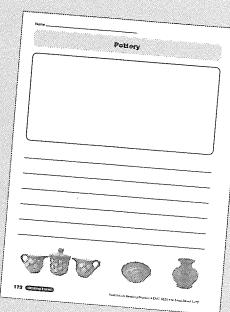
1. The potter uses a wheel to make a _____.
Ⓐ ball of clay
Ⓑ clay bowl
Ⓒ pottery kiln
2. Potters need _____ to become good artists.
Ⓐ luck
Ⓑ water
Ⓒ practice
3. Why can it be hard to use a pottery wheel?

4. Why does the potter bake the bowl?

Write About the Topic

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Draw a clay bowl on a wheel. Write to tell how potters use wheels to make works of art.



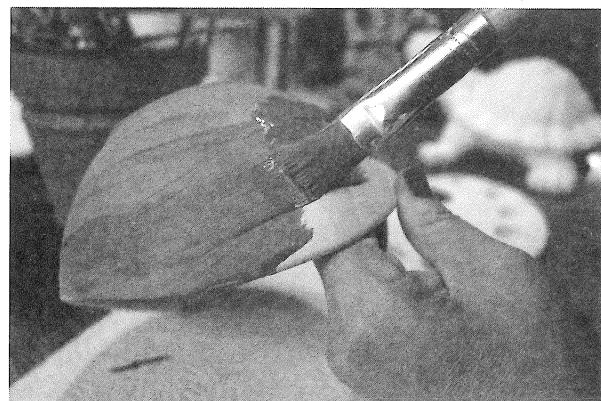
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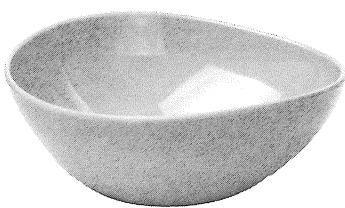


squishing clay

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using glaze to paint



finished clay art

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