

T. A. Barron's Adventure for Young Readers

TREE GIRL

Chapter 1 — Questions and Activities

Music: Lullabies

In this chapter, we learn that Anna hasn't seen her mother in a very long time. Anna remembers that she used to sing *"A song all soft and slow and whispery. A song that blew like the wind...aye, and beat like a heart."*

A song like this is sometimes called a "lullaby." One of the most famous lullabies is *Brahms' Lullaby*. You can listen to it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y0eASoAXTx0>

Make up your own lullaby that sounds "all soft and slow and whispery" and record yourself singing it.

Art and Science: Trees

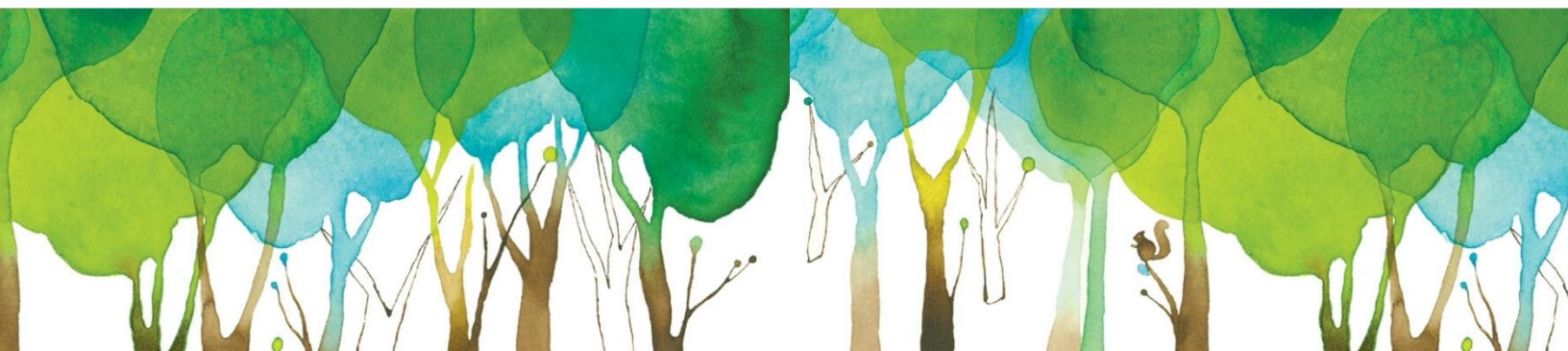
As you can imagine, with a title like "Tree Girl," this book talks about a lot of different kinds of trees. Make your own mini book and document all of the trees you read about in "Tree Girl."

To begin, download the free mini book template here: <https://www.twinkl.com/resource/t-l-854-mini-book-template-blank>

In Chapter 1, author T. A. Barron writes about a Fir Tree and a Willow Tree. You can read about the Willow Tree here: https://www.softschools.com/facts/plants/willow_tree_facts/555/ and the Fir Tree here: <https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/fir/353126>

Draw a picture of each tree and note the most interesting facts about each on in your mini book.

Save your mini book. You'll be adding more trees to it!



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Language Arts: Figure of Speech

Do you remember this line? *"Flying fish eggs," she muttered. She pulled a sticky wad of sap out of her hair. "Look what that little beast did to me, Burl!"*

"Flying fish eggs" is a figure of speech. We know that fish eggs don't really fly. This was just something Anna was saying to express her frustration. What do you say when you're frustrated?

Social Studies: Lagoons

In this chapter, we learn a lot about where Anna lives. We know her cottage is near the water. The author writes, *"Anna gazed out across the lagoon and the open sea, feeling the briny breeze on her cheeks."*

Have you ever been to a lagoon? The San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy has videos you can enjoy: <https://vimeo.com/channels/selc/videos>

If you'd like to learn more about lagoons, here's some additional reading:

- 🌿 <https://wonderopolis.org/wonder/what-is-a-lagoon>
- 🌿 <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/lagoon/>
- 🌿 <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/lagoon.html>

