

Directions. Print out. Read the story. Answer the questions on page 2.

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**JANE'S DRESS**

**If Jane's dress could talk it would tell this story.**

**Once I was a little seed.**

**The farmer planted me on a warm day.**

**Soon I began to grow.**

**Before long I had white flowers.**

**Then the flowers began to turn pink.**

**The flowers fell off, and little balls came.**

**Then the cotton came in the little balls.**

**The balls opened and the cotton was white.**

**People picked me.**

**A man took me to the cotton gin.**

**The cotton gin took the seeds out of the white cotton.**

**I was made into a big bale.**

**Then I went on a train to a mill.**

**At the mill I was made into thread.**

**The thread was made into cloth.**

**Now I am Jane's dress.**

**- Anon.**

Directions. Print out. Read the story. Answer the questions. Check your answers with the answers on page 5.

**Questions:**

1. What kind of a plant did the farmer plant?

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2. What did the farmer do first?

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3. When the plant grew, white flowers appeared. After a time, what color did the flowers become?

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4. When the flowers fell off, what appeared? What was their color?

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5. After picking the cotton balls, where were they taken?

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6. What happened at the cotton gin?

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Directions. Print out. Continue answering the questions.

7. Where did the bales of cotton go?

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8. What happened to the cotton at the mill?

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9. What was Jane's dress made of?

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Directions. Print out. Continue answering the questions.

**10.** What patterns do you see in the story?

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**11.** Can you see the story become more and more detailed with each additional line?

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**12.** Can you write a story with a lot of detail? What would you write about? Think of a good title and write it on the line below. Then, write the story.

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Directions. Print out. Review the patterns and study the definitions.

**Patterns:** Free verse; each line builds upon the other.

**Definitions:**

**cotton** - *n.* A cotton plant is a tropical or subtropical bush producing soft white downy fibers and oil-rich seeds. The soft white downy fiber grows in the seed pods of the cotton plant and is used for making textiles. Fabric is woven from spun cotton fiber. Yarn or thread is made from cotton fiber, or a synthetic substitute.

**cotton gin** - *n.* A machine that separates the seeds, seed hulls, and other small objects from the fibers of cotton.

**cotton-seed** - *n.* The seed of cotton, used as a source of oil and meal.

**bale** - *n.* A large bundle or package of hay or a raw material such as cotton, tightly bound with string or wire to keep it in shape during transportation or storage.

Directions. Print out. Check you answers with the answers below.

**Answers.**

1. A cotton plant.
2. He planted seeds.
3. Pink.
4. White cotton balls.
5. To the cotton gin.
6. The cotton seeds were removed from the cotton and the cotton was made into a big bale.
7. On a train to the cotton mill.
8. The cotton was made into thread and the thread into cloth.
9. Cotton cloth.
10. The sequential development of a cotton plant from a seedling into a piece of clothing.

Directions. Print out. Do the activities using the forms on pages 7-9.

**Activities:** Illustrate the story poem. Can you make up a story like this?

*Example:* Judy's sweater; Billy's wool cap.

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**TITLE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DRAW A PICTURE.**

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**DRAW A PICTURE AND WRITE A STORY.**

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