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Walt Disney Animation Studios' "Raya and the Last Dragon" travels to the fantasy world of Kumandra, where humans and dragons lived together long ago in harmony. But when an evil force threatened the land, the dragons sacrificed themselves to save humanity. Now, 500 years later, that same evil has returned and it's up to a lone warrior, Raya, to track down the legendary last dragon to restore the fractured land and its divided people. However, along her journey, she'll learn that it'll take more than a dragon to save the world—it's going to take trust and teamwork as well. "Raya and the Last Dragon" features the voices of Kelly Marie Tran as Raya, a warrior whose wit is as sharp as her blade, and Awkwafina as the magical, mythical, self-deprecating dragon named Sisu. Characters also include a street-savvy 10-year-old entrepreneur named Boun, the formidable giant Tong and a thieving toddler Noi with her band of Ongis. "Raya and the Last Dragon" is directed by Don Hall and Carlos López Estrada, produced by Osnat Shurer and Peter Del Vecho and written by Adele Lim and Qui Nguyen.

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Hidden deep within an ancient fortress in the land of Heart rests the Dragon Gem, a precious relic guarded by warriors for generations. All her life, Raya has trained to become a guardian of the gem. But when her world is shaken, Raya must begin an epic journey to restore all that has been lost. Her travels take her across vast and diverse landscapes as she learns to be brave, work with others and never waver from her pursuit. This unexpected course brings Raya on a journey of discovery as she seeks truth and sets out to restore the broken kingdom of Kumandra.

Now it's your turn to delve into the magic and fantasy of nature, discover new adventures and tell a story of your own in nearby nature spaces like your backyard, community garden or local park. Deep within each of us lies the opportunity to be courageous and venture out of our comfort zone in order to make a positive change for our community and the planet. Turn the page to begin your trek through uncharted lands as you imagine new unbelievable creatures, train to become a warrior, observe extraordinary natural elements and seek out the strengths that lie in your own community. All of these activities and more await you in the pages that follow.

SEEK THE LIGHT

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SISU

Sisu, short for Sisudatu, is the last dragon of Kumandra. Legends say she's a divine water being of unspeakable beauty and unstoppable magic, but what Raya finds instead is a funny self-deprecating dragon who sees herself as the perennial C-student. Now she must learn to become the dragon of legend if she is to save the world with Raya.

RAYA

Raya is a proud Guardian of the Dragon Gem, a title she holds alongside her beloved father Benja, the Chief of the Heart lands. Her world is turned upside down when the Gem is broken, and her father is turned to stone. Now on a mission to save the world, she's grown up to be a resilient warrior whose wit is as sharp as her blade.

TUK TUK

Part-pill bug, part-pug, part-high speed off-road vehicle and all adorable, Tuk Tuk has been Raya's best friend since she could hold him in the palm of her hand. Now they are both grown, and Tuk Tuk is Raya's faithful, gigantic steed. Together, they tear through the varied terrains of Kumandra at incredible speeds on a journey to find the last dragon and save the world.

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JOURNEY THROUGH THE KINGDOM

Throughout the ancient kingdom of Kumandra, diverse natural landscapes make up five distinct lands—Heart, Fang, Spine, Talon and Tail—together forming the geographic shape of a dragon. Accented by cool, tropical colors and rain, **Heart** is the epicenter of Kumandra and the place where humans and dragons first lived in harmony. Then there's **Fang**, an area colored by warm hues and geometric shapes, and **Spine**, a cold and snowy bamboo forest. **Talon** rests over the shores of a waterway where vibrant colors abound—a stark contrast to **Tail**, a dry and desolate desert under the sun. Despite these landscapes varying greatly in their make-up, a unifying theme is the abundance of nature found throughout each. Combined, these five lands create a vivid and memorable backdrop for Raya's epic journey to restore the kingdom.

The kingdom of Kumandra is mythical and enchanting, but you may be surprised to discover that the fascinating wonders of the natural world exist right outside your own door. No matter where you live, nature is present and ready to be explored. A short trek through your backyard or a park can unveil a dynamic community of birds, trees, plants and rocks. If you look closely, even the smallest city garden can be teeming with life, filled with tiny colorful flowers and visiting insects. And the sky itself is a natural marvel, with bright blues during the day and deep oranges, reds and pinks at sunset. The diversity of life is all around us, allowing species to thrive and paint our planet with beautiful colors in even the most unexpected places. To start exploring nature near you, head to the next page to take a closer look and begin your journey.

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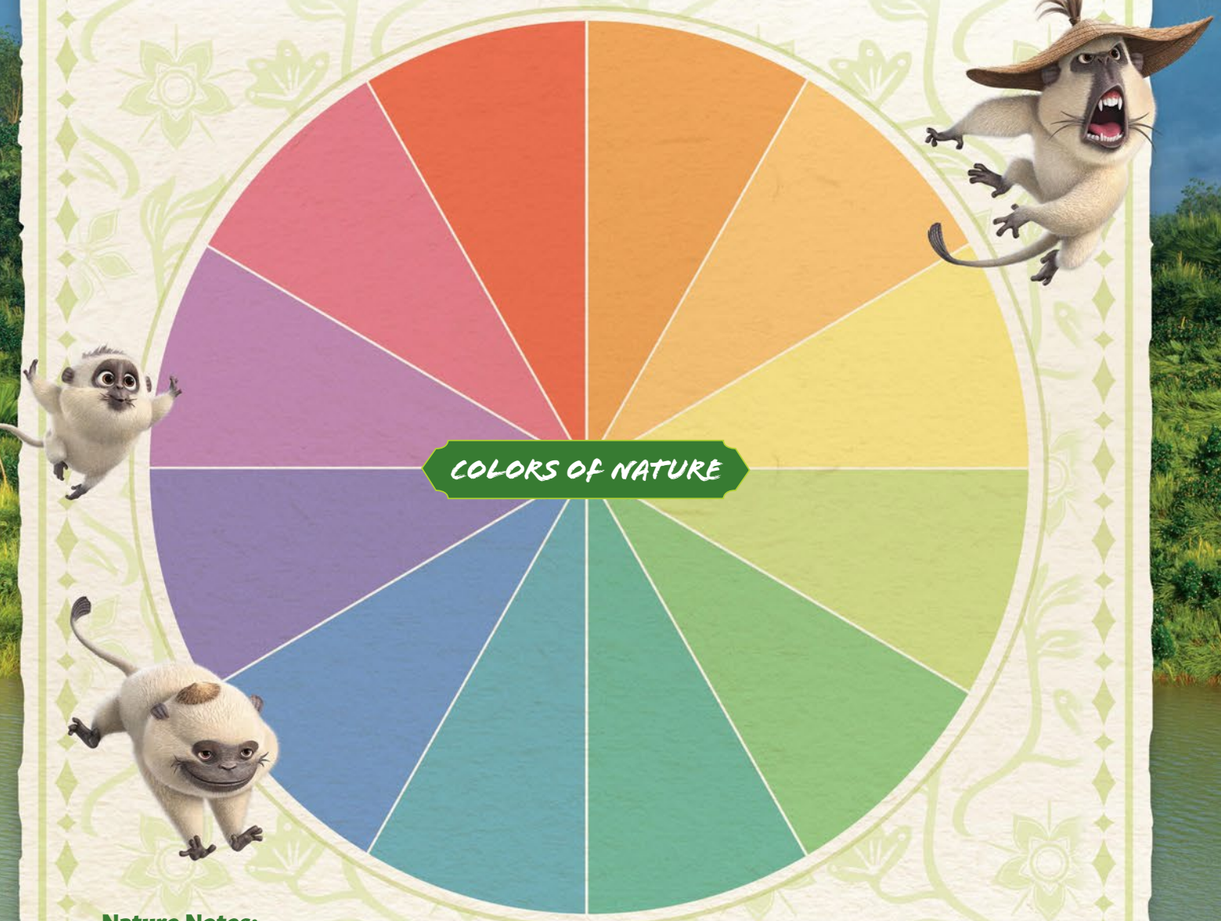
Explore the fantastic colors of nature in the landscape near you!

With an adult, head outdoors to your nearby nature space and collect the most colorful natural items you can find, utilizing the color wheel below as your guide. Be sure to only touch and take non-living items such as fallen leaves or flowers on the ground. When you've finished exploring, match the items to the colors on the wheel, glue or tape them down and marvel at the amazing diversity of nature! Then reflect on your findings by filling out the Nature Notes below.



Nature Notes:

Which was the most difficult color to find in your backyard?

Which was the easiest color to find? Why do you think that is?

Did you find any colors that surprised you?

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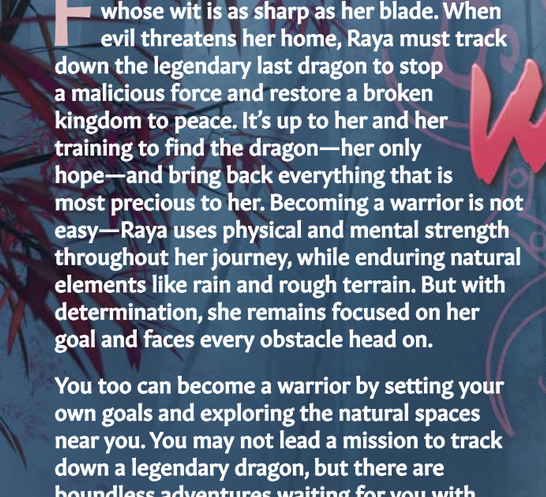
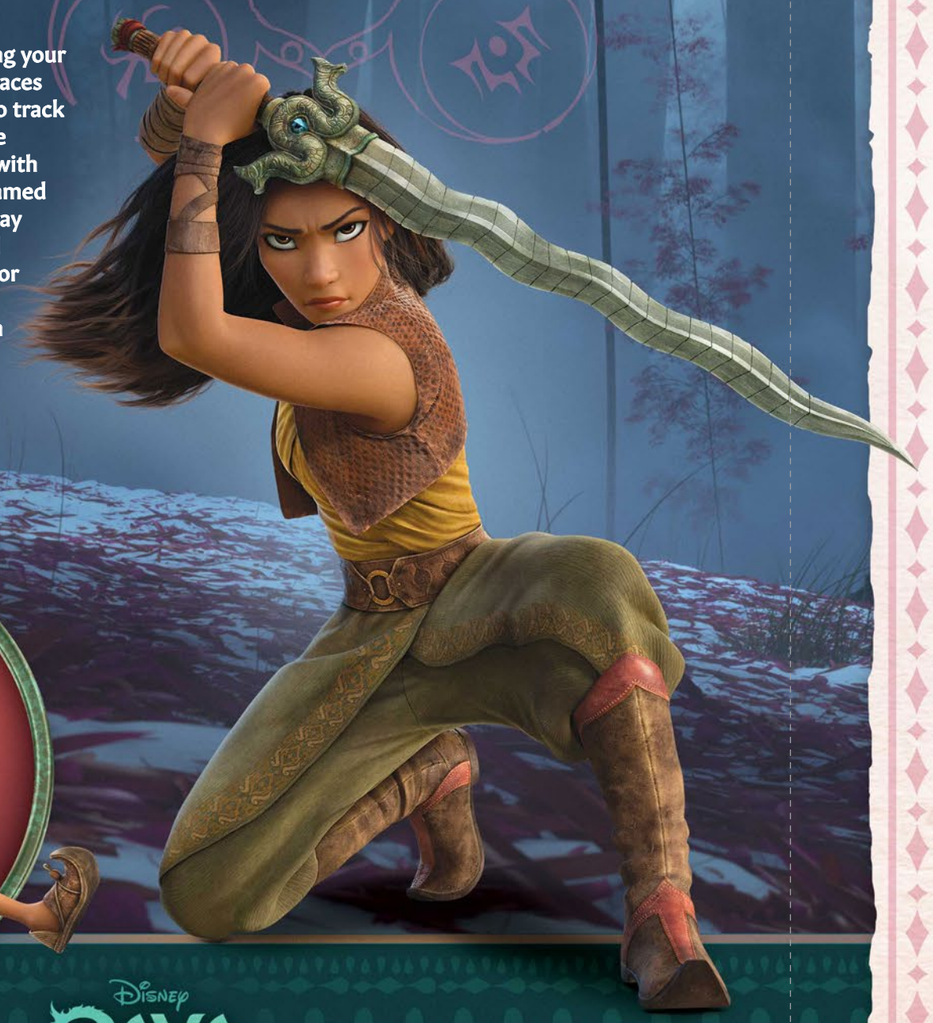
WARRIOR TALES

Fearless and strong, Raya is a lone warrior whose wit is as sharp as her blade. When evil threatens her home, Raya must track down the legendary last dragon to stop a malicious force and restore a broken kingdom to peace. It's up to her and her training to find the dragon—her only hope—and bring back everything that is most precious to her. Becoming a warrior is not easy—Raya uses physical and mental strength throughout her journey, while enduring natural elements like rain and rough terrain. But with determination, she remains focused on her goal and faces every obstacle head on.

You too can become a warrior by setting your own goals and exploring the natural spaces near you. You may not lead a mission to track down a legendary dragon, but there are boundless adventures waiting for you with a little imagination. Have you ever dreamed of trailblazing an expedition to a faraway forest, or discovering an elusive animal in your own backyard? Become a warrior in your own way as you delve into the world of story and let your imagination come to life on the following page.





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Tell a tale of a fearless adventure through the outdoors!

Sit in a quiet place outside and fill in each blank with a word or phrase of your choosing to complete the story. You can also use the Warrior Words at the bottom of this page for inspiration! Then, read the story aloud to share your epic warrior adventure in nature.

Long ago, I dreamed of becoming a legendary warrior. So, one day, I set out on an adventure in search of _____ (*an object or animal*) . _____ (*name of a close friend*) , my _____ (*a word to describe your friend*) friend came along for the journey with me. We set out on a daring mission through the _____ (*a favorite outdoor place*) . Suddenly, we heard a noise that sounded like _____ (*a sound you can hear from where you are sitting*) . We carefully walked toward the sound, and a scent filled our noses that smelled like _____ (*the way the air smells to you now*) .

My friend and I decided to explore the area by _____ (*an action you can do outside*) . At last, we reached _____ (*a different location in nature*) just as the sun was beginning to set. As we looked toward the horizon, we could see the legendary _____ (*the first object or animal in the story*) !

I was overwhelmed with joy and exclaimed _____ (*the way you feel when you discover something new*) !

Our mission was complete, and we headed home after a long and tiring journey.

From that day on, I would always remember _____ (*a date*) as the day I became a true warrior.

WARRIOR WORD BANK: **fearless** **strong** **heart** **teamwork** **dragon** **rain** **determined** **loyal**

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Long ago, humans and dragons lived together harmoniously in the world of Kumandra. Highly revered, dragons were believed to be born of water and helped to bring the sacred element of rain to the kingdom. In the world of Kumandra, waterways connect the five distinct lands and water is a lifegiving source that is fundamental to the survival of the people and their home. On her journey to help restore these lands, Raya encounters Sisu, a wise, magical, mythical and humorous dragon. Raya observes Sisu's strong connection to water and magical method for flying by running on raindrops.

Water is the foundation to the survival of people, plants and animals across the planet. Water is crucial for humans because it nourishes our bodies and delivers vital nutrients to help us grow, and in the natural world, water is essential to allow plants to bloom and animals to survive. In fact, life on our planet would cease to exist as we know it without access to water. One critical component in the cycle of water is rain, which delivers most of the fresh water supply to the precious ecosystems on Earth. Rain occurs when tiny droplets condense inside clouds and become heavy enough to fall from the sky to the ground as liquid water. You can continue learning about rain and begin observing its life-giving impact for yourself by heading to the next page!

MADE FOR WATER

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Explore the magical power of rain!

With an adult, head outside to your nearby nature space. Spot and observe all of the wildlife around you. Look high and low—you may even consider bringing a pair of binoculars or a small magnifying glass with you if you have them. Consider which of the natural elements you observe require water to survive. With an adult's permission, you can also utilize books or the internet to research if you need help. Then, in the space below, document your findings by drawing all of the natural elements you believe rain helps bring to life.

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Though traveling as a lone warrior, Raya entrusts the help of Tuk Tuk, a faithful companion who is built for speed and always ready to roll—literally and figuratively. Tuk Tuk is an interesting creature who is hard on the outside but fuzzy on the inside. He loyally accompanies Raya whenever she needs help by curling himself up into a ball and rolling around as a mode of transport. This type of attribute is not only a unique design—it's functional too; Tuk Tuk's hard exterior helps to protect him while making it easier to travel around. Taking a closer look at the traits that make up a fantasy character like Tuk Tuk can help inspire our own imaginations when we think about animals and the natural world.

All living things in nature possess certain characteristics designed to help them survive and thrive. These characteristics are called *adaptations*. Adaptations allow animals to find and consume food, move about their environment and defend themselves against predators. Some adaptations are more recognizable—for example, legs allow a mammal to walk, and fins allow a fish to swim in the water. But other adaptations may not be as obvious at first glance. Certain colors or patterns on an animal's body, for example, can allow it to blend into its environment and keep it safe from other animals; this is called *camouflage*. Consider different animal adaptations you may have seen—whether mythical or real—and head to the next page to create a fantasy creature of your own.

CREATE YOUR FANTASY CREATURE

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What will your fantasy animal look like?

Imagine a new fantasy animal designed to survive in the environment where you live or in your favorite place in nature. Think about different adaptations the creature would need in order to grow and thrive, as well as any unique characteristics it would possess to help it navigate its habitat and contribute to the circle of life in that ecosystem. Remember that an adaptation can have multiple purposes—for example, a pair of colorful wings may allow an animal to fly while also helping it attract a mate.

DESIGN YOUR ANIMAL

Think about the following elements as you design your animal:

Food—What does the animal eat and how?

Breathing—How does it breathe?

Sight—What and how does the animal see?

Movement—How does it move about its environment?

Safety—How does the animal protect itself?

Body—What other physical characteristics does the animal possess?

Circle any of the ideas below that you would like your animal to possess. Or, brainstorm your own traits!

- **tiny claws**
- **gills to breathe underwater**
- **wings**
- **strong legs**
- **spiny scales**
- **a hard beak**
- **stripes for camouflage**
- **a spiral horn**
- **a long tongue**
- **thick warm fur**
- **a spotted tail**

Use this space to draw the creature of your imagination.

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STRONGER TOGETHER

On Raya's quest to find the legendary last dragon and restore the land she calls home, she discovers that her journey cannot be traveled alone. Along the way, she encounters Boun, a street-savvy 10-year-old entrepreneur, Tong, the formidable giant and Noi, a thieving toddler with a band of Ongis. Each character brings a different perspective to Raya's adventure while demonstrating strengths such as resourcefulness, resiliency and dedication to protecting family. Raya's journey may be nothing like she expected, but with a little help, she learns the importance of working together, the power of teaming up with others and the success brought by combining diversity and unifying for a common goal.

Just like Raya and the unconventional group she meets along the way, we can find strength in community by partnering with others. Each of us possesses our own unique abilities and attributes that allow us to play a special role whether working on a project at school or at our job, solving a problem in our community or helping a family member reach their own goal. Recognizing the value that every person brings to the table is a first step you can take towards collaboration. And when you make an effort to work collectively with friends and help each other, there is no limit to what you can accomplish. Head to the next page to examine the value of teamwork and learn how you can join forces with others to become stronger together.

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Friendship makes us stronger!

Reflect on the values of friendship and community by developing a mind map visual to organize your thoughts and ideas. Choose a friend or family member to work with on this activity, and answer the prompts below with written responses or drawings. Consider how you can communicate and support each other to overcome obstacles and become stronger together.

My name is:

My friend's name is:

I provide support to my friend when I:

My friend helps me when they:

I can offer my friend strength by:

We work stronger together when we:

Draw a picture of you and your friend working together to accomplish a goal.

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