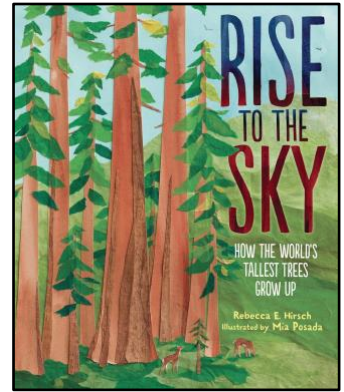


Rise to the Sky: How the World's Tallest Trees Grow Up

by Rebecca E. Hirsch



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Book Summary

How do trees grow to such enormous heights? Science writer Rebecca E. Hirsch explains the extraordinary life cycle trees go through to become humongous living things. From how they eat, to when their seeds fall to the ground, trees are truly amazing. Paired with Mia Posada's detailed art pieces featuring the tallest trees from around the world, this book is one to be enjoyed by numerous ages.

Read Aloud Questions

- What do you think the tallest living thing is?
- What kind of foods do you like to eat?
- How far do you think a tree's roots go?
- How much do you think you will grow in the future?
- What would happen if the seeds never fell to the ground?
- How many seeds do you think are on one tree?
- At the end of the book be sure to mention that there are a lot of facts about trees in the back of the book if they want to check it out of the library sometime.

Book Activity

Materials:

cotton swabs, print tree outline on cardstock, paints/watercolors, brown coloring materials (crayons, markers, etc.) for tree trunk, water, wipes/paper towels.

Directions

1. After reading the book, ***Rise to the Sky: How the World's Tallest Trees Grow Up***, ask the students to share one fact that they learned about trees from the book.
2. Ask the students to name the colors that trees turn during different seasons of the year. Ask the students what color of trees they like best.
3. Give the students brown crayons or markers and ask them to color the trunk of the tree on the handout.
4. Provide each student with cotton swabs and paints/watercolors. Model how to lightly dab the cotton swabs into paints or watercolors, then press the paint-filled cotton swabs onto the page near the branches to create leaves.

5. The student may change colors to create the leaves on the tree, so the tree looks like the season they like best.
6. Ask students to write facts about the trees around the tree after the paint has dried. Place students in small groups and ask them to share their paintings and facts.



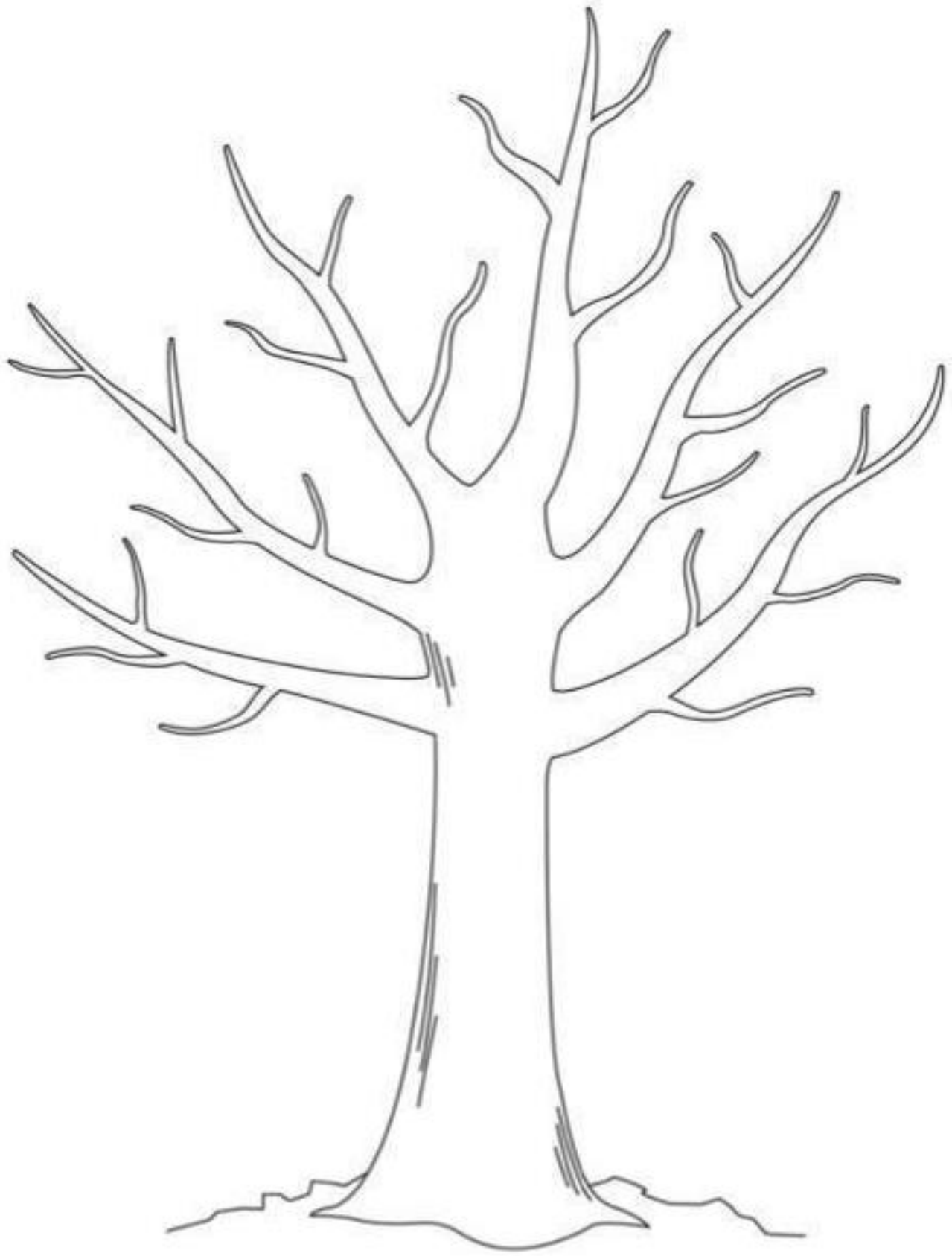
Additional Resources

- [Rise to the Sky Activity Guides](#)
- [Projects for Kids Tree Craft](#)
- [26 Terrific Tree Crafts and Art Projects](#)
- [Tree Activities for Kids](#)

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How tall will your tree grow?