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Homeroom _____

A Crane Folktale

1. Which of these would be the best choice for a title to the story?
 - A King's Story
 - How the Crane Got Its Crown
 - The Crowned Crane
 - A Beautiful Gold Crown
2. What is the most likely reason that people began to kill the crane and take the crown for themselves?
 - The people were angry.
 - The people were jealous.
 - The people were hungry.
 - The people were greedy.
3. This story is the best example of what type of literature?
 - Realistic fiction
 - Fantasy
 - Informational text
 - Mystery
4. What will most likely happen after the story?
 - People will leave the cranes alone.
 - People will still kill the cranes.
 - The king will lose his crown.
 - The king will return to the castle.

A great king was lost in the desert. He had been walking for days in the hot sun with no water.

The king was tired, thirsty, and hungry. He thought that he was going to die.

A flock of cranes saw the king below them as they flew across the desert.

They felt sorry for the king and carried him back to his kingdom on their backs.

The cranes had saved the king's life! To thank them, the king gave each crane a beautiful crown of gold.

People saw the beautiful golden crowns. They began to kill the cranes and take the crowns for themselves.

The king was very sad and angry when he saw that people were killing his friends, the cranes, for their crowns.

The king waved his hand. Magically, the crowns of heavy gold changed into light, golden feathers. And that is how the crowned crane got its name.

