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GRADE 5 ELAR CONNECTION

## A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING

- These facts about Matthew Henson, one of the first explorers to reach the North Pole, are not organized.
- Identify three categories and label each crate with one category.
- Then sort the facts according to the categories and write each fact's number on the matching crate.



1. Matthew Henson and Robert E. Peary made three attempts to reach the North Pole. They came closest on the third trip in 1909. After that trip, Peary got credit for discovering the North Pole.
2. When Matthew was eleven years old, his parents died.
3. When Henson was 21, he began working for Peary as his valet, or personal servant. By the time Henson was 24, he was part of Peary's first Arctic expedition.
4. Robert Peary got credit for discovering the North Pole.
5. Peary received all the honors at the time, and Henson was recognized much later. His honors included the Peary Polar Expedition Medal in 1944, the US Navy Medal of Merit in 1945, and a gold medal from The Geographic Society of Chicago in 1948.
6. Just two years after Matthew's parents died, he went to work as a ship's cabin boy.
7. Henson's hunting, sled-driving, and language skills made him an invaluable Arctic explorer.
8. Peary had lost nine of his ten toes on an earlier Arctic trip. So he needed help to cross the uneven Arctic ice on the third hike to the North Pole.
9. Robert E. Peary was honored with a promotion to rear admiral in 1911.


- Use the facts as you have organized them to write a paragraph about each category. Write your paragraphs on another sheet of paper.

**BONUS:** Write an introductory paragraph and a concluding paragraph for your fact paragraphs.