

Book Study:
**Santa
Bruce**



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Task # 1

Read for Fluency



Pick a few pages to practice.
Read the pages over and over.
Pay close attention to the
punctuation. When you are ready,
read the pages aloud to a friend.



Task # 2

Read with a Partner

Take turns reading
pages in the book with
your partner.

Task #3

Make a Flip Book



Cut around the outside edge of the flipbook, and then cut along the dotted lines up to the middle of the book. Fold the flaps down. Think of the main character, problem and solution and write them under the three flaps. Draw a picture on top of the flap to match what you wrote.

Task #4

Hats Off to Important Events!

Cut out three hat shapes. Think of the three most important events in the story. Draw pictures and write sentences about these three events on the hat shapes. Staple the pages at the top.



Task #5

Sequencing

Put the story cards in the order they happened in the book. Use the book to help you.



Task #6

Word Work

Pick a word work page. Pick the word cards you need to finish the page.
Complete the page.



Task #7

Evidence from the Story



Bruce is a very grumpy bear. Find three places in the story where the words and pictures show that he is grumpy.

Task #8

Picture Walk

The author uses pictures and talk bubbles to add humor to the story. Work with a partner to find pictures that make you laugh.





Task #9

Syllable Sort



Sort the word cards by the number of syllables in each word.

Task #10

Complete a Story Map

Choose a story map and complete the page using what you have read.

Task #11

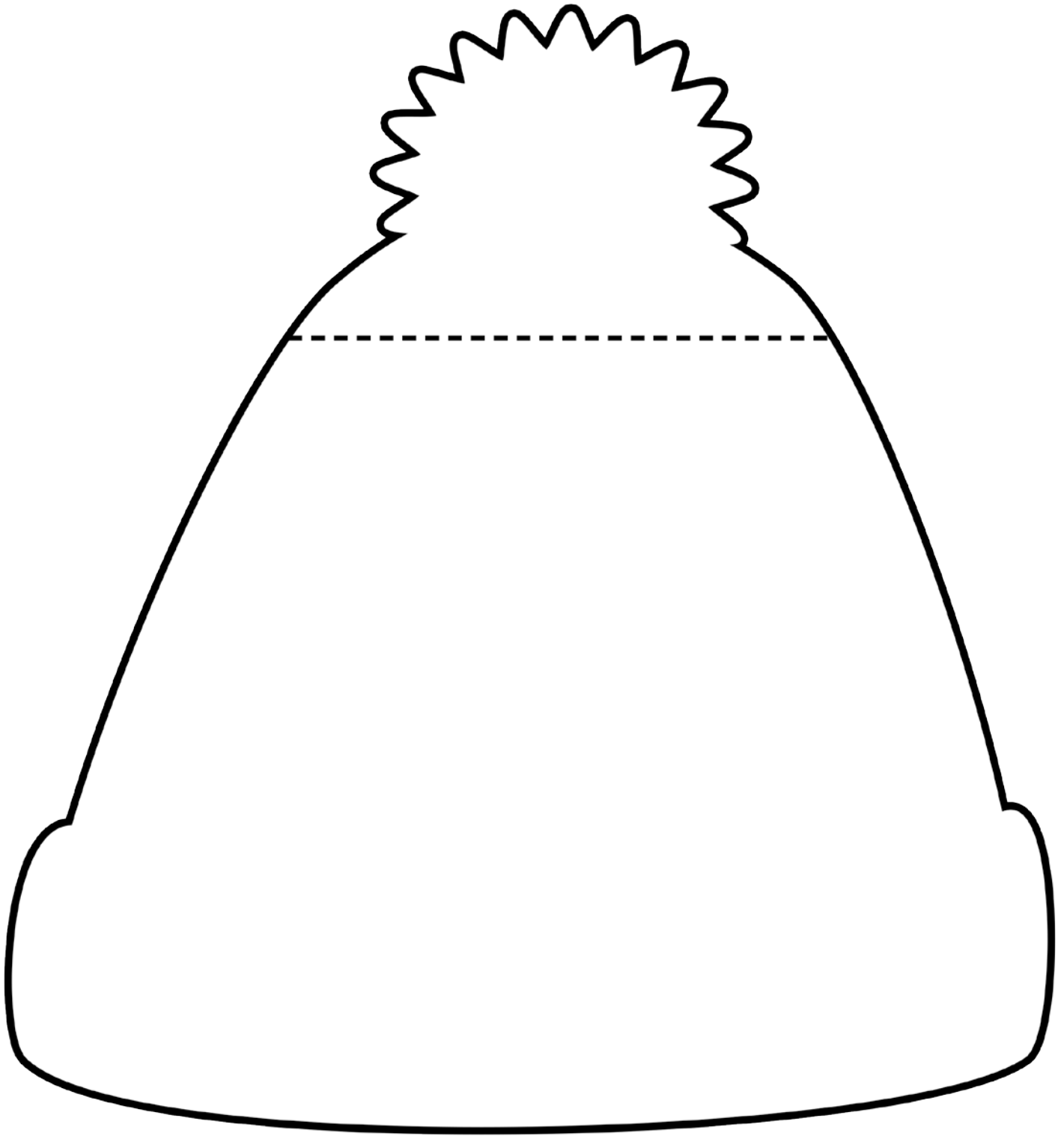
Respond to Reading

Choose one of the reading response pages to complete. Be sure to use details from the story to support your thinking.

Task #12

Write About It

Look at the writing prompts. Choose the one that you like and write about it. Be sure to add lots of details to your writing.



Bruce's family wanted him to stay awake for Christmas this year.

The animals all cooked and decorated to try to fill the holiday with fun and cheer, but Bruce wasn't happy about it.

Bruce went outside to shovel snow in red long underwear and a warm red hat.

A little raccoon stopped to ask
Bruce if he was Santa.

Bruce told the raccoon that he was
not Santa, but the raccoon ran off to
tell his friends that he had met Santa.

Suddenly all of the animals
from the forest came to
Bruce's house to meet Santa.

All the animals stood in line to sit on Santa Bruce's lap and tell him what they wanted for Christmas.

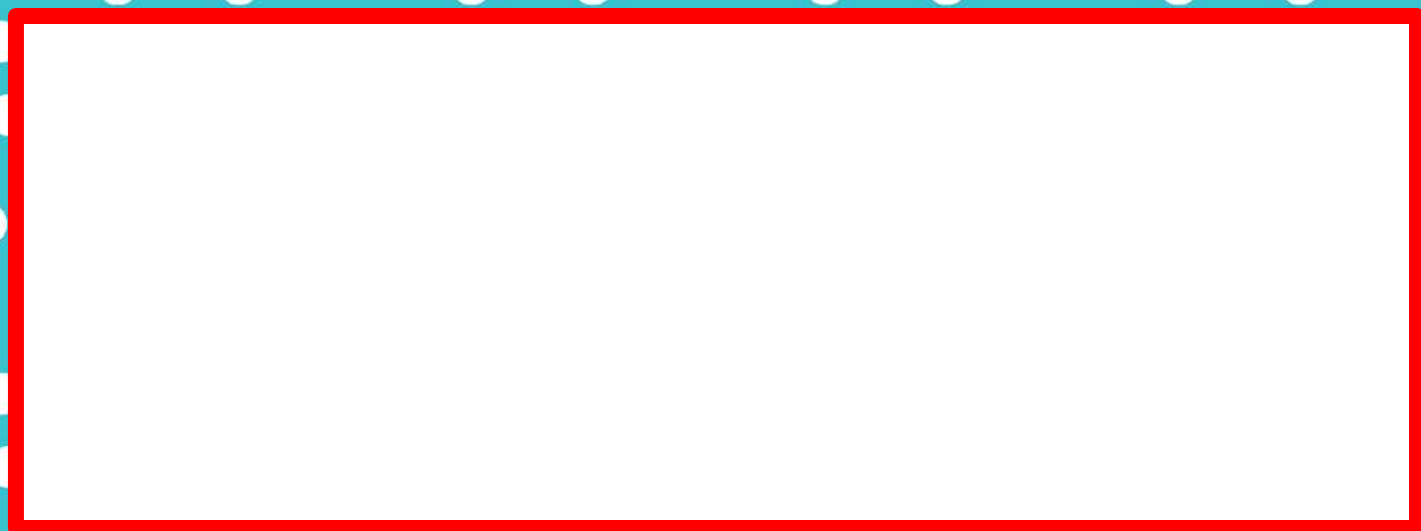
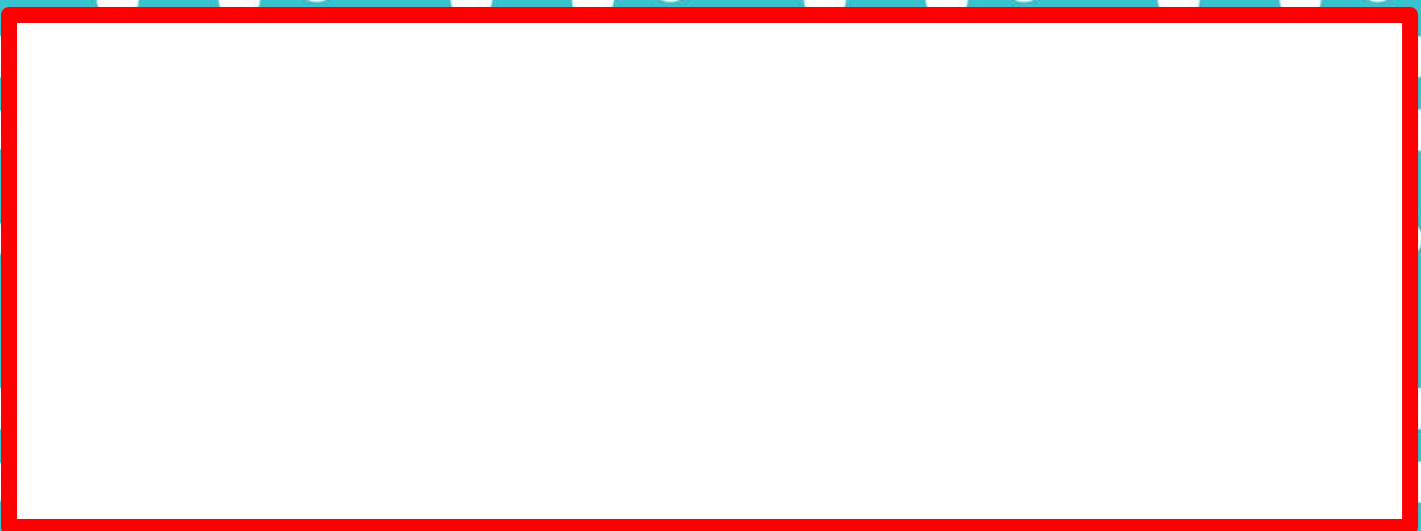
All of the animals parents came over to thank Santa Bruce for his Christmas spirit.

Thistle announced that Santa Bruce would be delivering presents to all of the kids.

Bruce put his foot down and said he wouldn't deliver gifts, but his mice family convinced him.

Bruce had some troubles delivering the gifts, but finally finished in the early morning.

Everyone was happy, ate a Christmas meal together and wished Bruce a Merry Christmas!

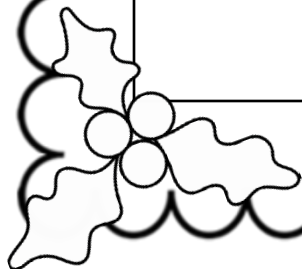
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Word Work: Pick four word cards. Record the words. Draw a picture to show the meaning.



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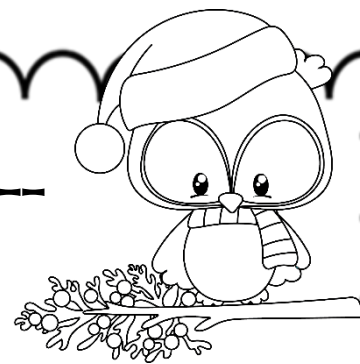
Syllable Sort

Directions: Sort the words according to the number of syllables.

1 Syllable	2 Syllables	3 Syllables



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New Words

Directions: Find three new words in the book. Write them below. Tell what each word means. Draw a picture to show each word.

Word & Meaning	Picture



business

migrating

hibernating

cozy

lethargy

spirit

support

decked

eggnog

mistaken

identity

ignore

peace

critters

annoying

miter saw

grumble

announcement

deliver

miracle

glee

deliver

sleigh

persistent

agreed

weight

creeping

awoke



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Evidence from the Story

Directions: Find three places where the author shows Bruce's grumpiness with words and pictures. Explain how the author was able to show Bruce's personality through what was happening.

Words from the text...	What does the picture show?



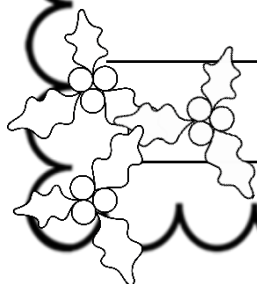
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Picture Walk

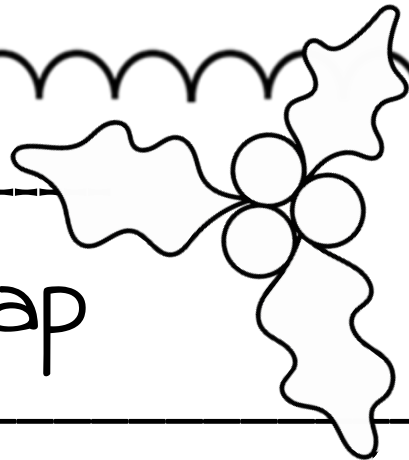


Directions: Look through the pictures in the book and find one where the author was trying to make you laugh. Sketch the picture in the box and then write about why you thought it was funny.

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Santa Bruce Story Map

Book: _____

Author: _____

Main Character

Setting

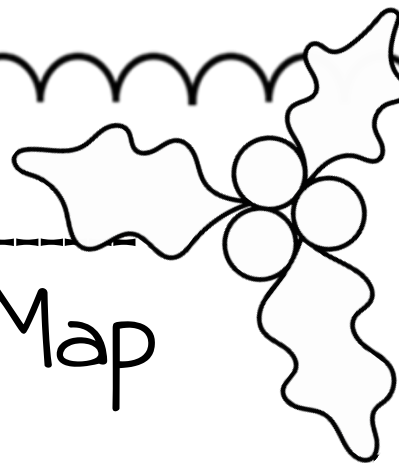
Beginning

Middle

End



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Santa Bruce Story Map

Book: _____

Author: _____

Main Character

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Problem

Solution



Directions: Authors often times write different books with the same characters. Read Mother Bruce, also by Ryan T. Higgins. How are these stories the same? Find at least three ways and explain how they are similar.

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Respond to Reading: Comparing Stories



Directions: Authors often times write different books with the same characters. Read Mother Bruce, also by Ryan T. Higgins. How are these stories the same? Find at least three ways and explain in words and/or pictures how they are similar.

Way #1 the stories are the same...	Way #2 the stories are the same...	Way #3 the stories are the same...

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Respond to Reading: Character Traits



Directions: One word to describe Bruce is definitely "grumpy", but if you think about it, there are other words you might use too. Read the book again looking carefully at the pictures and thinking about Bruce's actions. What other words can you think of that might describe him? Draw a picture of Bruce in the center and think of two other traits.

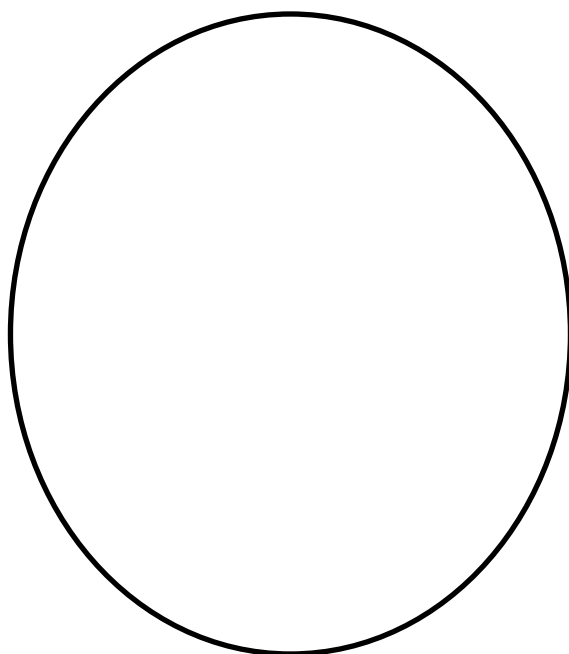
Explain your thoughts.

Character
Trait:

Character
Trait:

My thoughts...

My thoughts...



Bruce

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Write About It:

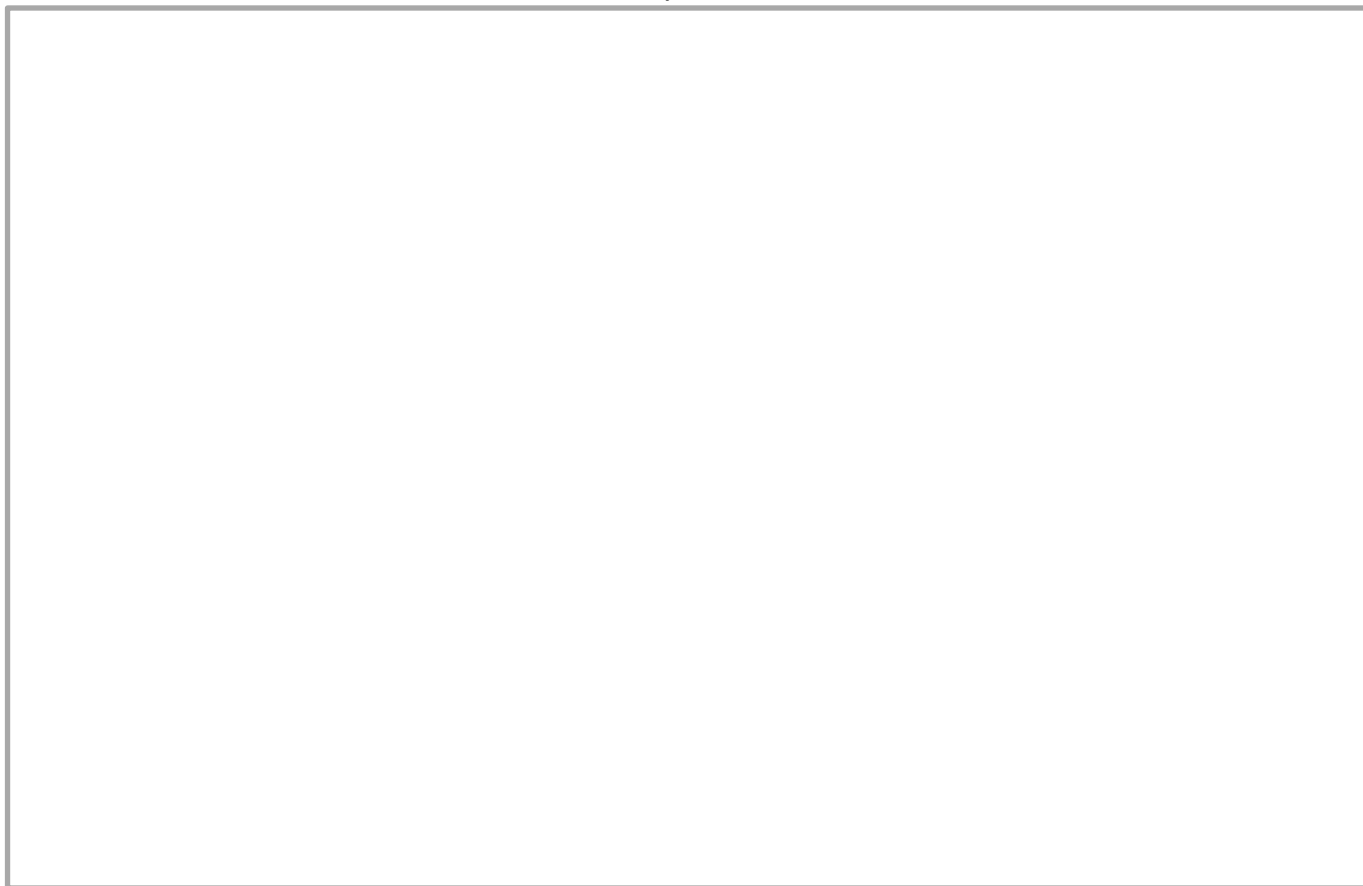
Bruce's animal family got everything ready for a holiday season filled with fun and cheer. What are some ways your family gets ready for the holiday season?



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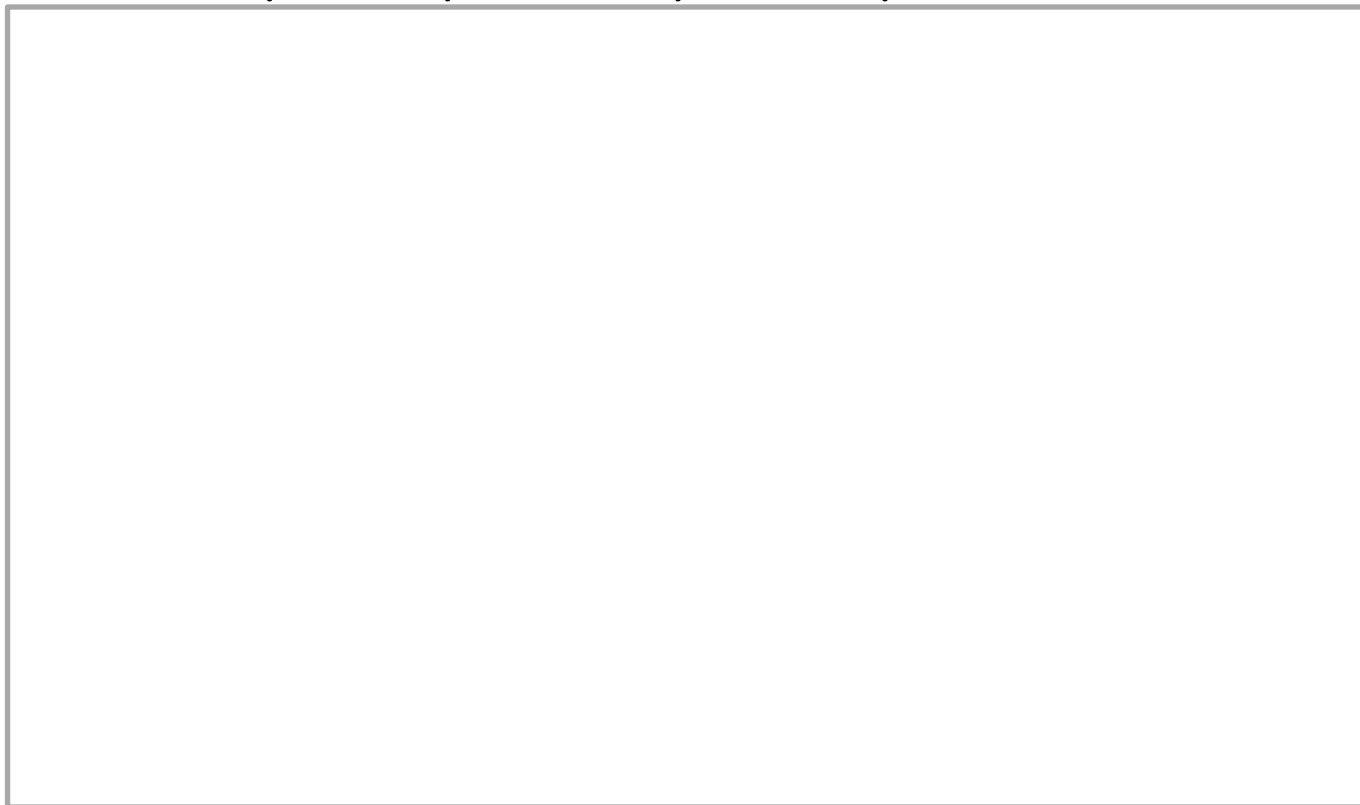
Bruce was not happy about being mistaken for Santa. How would you react if you were mistaken for Santa? Would you do the things Bruce did and how would you feel about those things?



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Write About It:

Bruce's family didn't really listen to him and take him seriously when he said he didn't want to be Santa. Have you ever had a time when you felt like your family or friends didn't listen to what you were saying? Do you think they did it for your own good?



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