



Make a List

1. Make a list of at least five changes in the world since 2017.
2. List five changes you would like to see in the world.
3. There are 21 different kinds of cockatoos in the world. Read about cockatoos and list at least ten of the twenty-one different species of cockatoos. Be sure to include Cookie's species as one of the ten.
4. Cookie saw many, many changes in his lifetime. List one change he saw in each decade of his life, starting with the 1930s and ending with the 2010s.
5. What changes in Cookie's life did you enjoy the most? List ten of them.

Write a Poem: Choose any one change in your list and write a poem about it from Cookie's point of view.



Cookie the Cockatoo: Everything Changes

Change

1. Change is a character in *Cookie the Cockatoo*. Explain in writing what you think of this character. Do you like or dislike the character? Why?
2. Why do you think the author of *Cookie the Cockatoo* created the character of Change? What do you think she was trying to accomplish?
3. Write a few paragraphs about the biggest change in your life and how you feel about it.
4. Read about the world's first zoo, the London Zoological Gardens, which opened to the public in 1847. Then visit a modern zoo or read about modern zoos. Write about how zoos have changed.

Write a Poem: Write a poem about a change you have seen in your lifetime.



Categories

1. The world changes that Cookie lived through can be categorized in several different ways. One way is to categorize them as follows: Art, Discoveries, Entertainment, Health, Sports, Technology. Make a chart with each of these categories as a column — then list as many different changes (that Cookie lived through) as you can under each category.
2. Some changes are fast, some are slow. Choose one of each from the changes Cookie saw and write about it.
3. Create a species diagram for Cookie, a Major Mitchell's cockatoo. Start with Kingdom, then Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, and Species.

Write a Poem: Write a poem in which Cookie categorizes some changes as scary, some as fun.



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Vocabulary

1. Below are a few words that appear in the Cookie poems. Choose seven of the words, look each up in a dictionary, then write a definition of the word. The number in parentheses is the page number the word appears on.

preen (5)

dazed (11)

integration (13)

launch (20)

captivity (27)

ember (37)

plutoid (42)

confirm (47)

direct [verb] (57)

excessive (6)

perch [noun] (12)

flaunt (16)

rebel [verb] (23)

mesmerize (33)

clone (41)

underdog (47)

reveal (52)

Write a Poem: Choose two of the vocabulary words from above and write a poem in which you use both words.



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Miscellaneous

1. Write several paragraphs on the differences between a cockatoo which lives in the wild in Australia and a cockatoo which lives in a zoo.
2. Imagine that after thirty years in captivity Cookie was able to take a trip back to Australia and visit the cockatoos he knew. Write a poem which describes Cookie's reactions to such a visit.
3. Imagine that somebody is making a movie out of *Cookie the Cockatoo: Everything Changes* and that you are the costume creator. What do you think the character of Change would look like? Either draw a picture of Change, or write a brief description of Change so that everybody who reads it can see what Change looks like.
4. Although Cookie was kept by the Brookfield Zoo, many people keep cockatoos as pets at home. And of course people keep dogs, cats, gerbils, goldfish, and other animals as pets. If you have a pet, write a poem about how your pet feels about a particular change in its life. If you don't have a pet, write a poem about Cookie the cockatoo.