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Students: Use the "Around the World" article to complete the cause and effect relationships below. The cause is given for you.

Cause

The National Audubon Society was founded in 1905 by John James Audubon.

Harriet Hemenway and Minna B. Hall set out to get the use of bird feathers in fashion banned.

The Endangered Species Act was written.

Frank Chapman challenged the tradition of hunting birds on Christmas Day.

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Effect



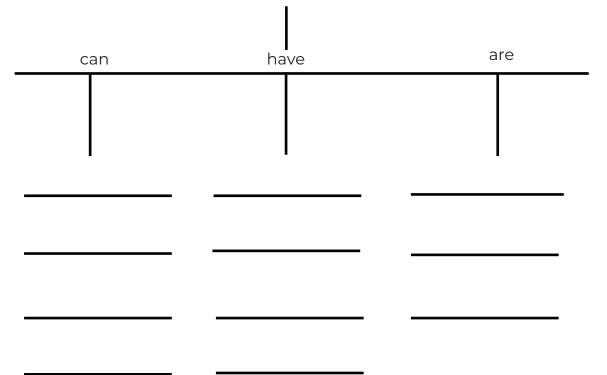
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Students: After reading "Wildville," complete the tree map below to provide key attributes of the red-cockaded woodpecker. Try to list three to four short answers under each heading. Example: Red-cockaded woodpeckers <u>are clever.</u>

Red-Cockaded Woodpeckers





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Students: After reading "Connections," answer the following questions about the text. Use the back side of the paper if you need more room for your answers.

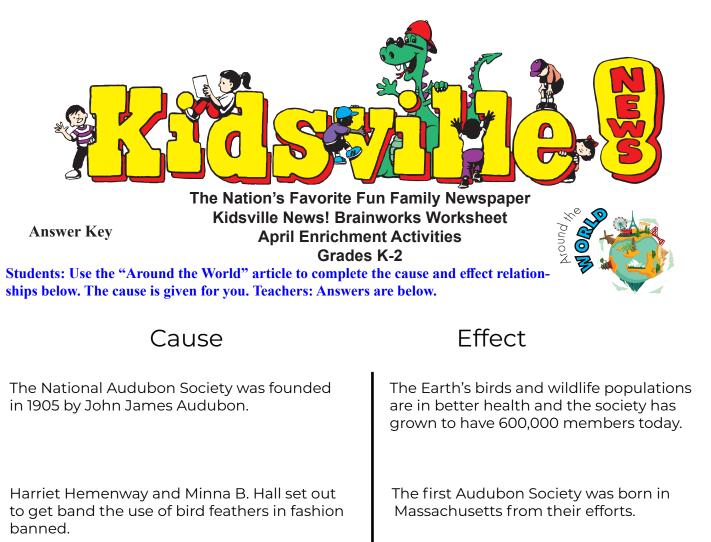
1. How do humans contribute to the extinction and endangerment of animal species?

Humans contribute to the extinction and endangerment of animals through hunting and poaching and also by destroying their habitats for human growth and expansion.

2. What are some facts given in the article to prove what scientists agree is the sixth and current mass extinction of animal species?

Many scientists agree that we are facing the sixth mass extinction the Earth has seen and it is being caused by the habits of humans. American lions have decreased by nearly 50 %, mostly due to trophy hunting. Elephants have been hunted for their valuable ivory tusks and are also threatened. The lemurs of Madagascar are losing habitat. A recorded 93% of the species are endangered, critically endangered or threatened.

3. What fact from the article interested you the most? Answers will vary.



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The Audubon Society championed this act, which protects hundreds of threatened and endangered species.

The ornithologist started the Christmas Day bird count in 1900 with this challenge. It has become the longestrunning bird watch in the world.

The Everglades Protection and Restoration Act was developed by Audubon, and it became the largest wetland restoration ever in the U.S.



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Answer Key

Students: After reading "Wildville," complete the tree map below to provide key attributes about the red-cockaded woodpecker. Try to list three to four short answers under each heading. Example: Red-cockaded woodpeckers <u>are clever</u>. Teachers: Possible answers are below. K-2 students should include some facts from this list.

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