

Teacher Notes: Logan Then & Now

By Karen Tyrrell illustrated by Megan Forward 2024

Age Level: 4 – 10 years Word Count: 1147 words

Themes: Change, history, geography, map-making, culture, people, places

Related Books

- ✓ Follow the Sugar Trail by Karen Tyrrell
- ✓ Ready, Set, Discover Logan by Karen Tyrrell

Discussion Ideas

Knowledge and Literal Understanding

- ✓ City of Logan is situated in Queensland, Australia.
- ✓ Places and people change over time, then and now, past and present.
- ✓ Logan shares a rich indigenous and colonial history.
- ✓ Logan has beautiful parks, environmental areas, and attractions for children to enjoy.
- ✓ Animals such as sugar gliders, eagles, koalas, kangaroos, frogs, pelicans and swans live in Logan.
- ✓ Children can follow Sweetie, Martha and Jacob's trail through Logan.

Inferential and Critical Thinking

- ✓ How do Sweetie, Martha and Jacob discover Logan's past and present?
- ✓ How do people and places change over time?
- ✓ How can locations be placed/ illustrated on a paper map? i.e. Cut and paste using a key code.

Literacy Skills

Word Building

- ✓ Word Endings – adding 'ed': *allocated, renamed, watched, lived, fished, hunted,*
- ✓ Adding ING: *gazing, walking, naming, celebrating.*
- ✓ Vocabulary: *past, present, people, settlers, canopy, river, park, lagoon, bridge,*
- ✓ Emotion Words: *enjoy, fun, marvels, captivating, honours.*
- ✓ Interest Words – Names of Places –Eagleby Wetlands, Kingston Butter Factory, Mayes Cottage, Yarrabilba, Beenleigh Red Bridge Logan Village, Yugambeh.
- ✓ High Frequency Words – *said, played, river, and, where, explore, let's, family, Beenleigh, Logan, City of Logan,*
- ✓ Onomatopoeia – *splash, zip, slippery,* (see Drama)

Grammar

- ✓ Naming Words – nouns – find the naming words in the story.
- ✓ Action Words – verbs – (see also Word Endings and Drama)

Comprehension

- ✓ Sequence order of events in story – cut and paste drawings, pictures or photos.
- ✓ Comprehension questions. SEE SHEET.

Writing

- ✓ Have you ever visited a NEW place? How did you feel? How did you learn about your new neighbourhood? Write about it.
- ✓ What's your favourite attraction in Logan? What can you do there?
- ✓ Acrostic Poem – LOGAN / CITY OF LOGAN / THEN / NOW
- ✓ Research history of the Old Red Bridge –How? When? Where? Why? ... Write facts

Cross Curricular

Social Skills

- ✓ Discuss how you can help NEW children to your class or school in Logan.

Maths

- ✓ Sequencing story pictures from 1 to 10. Ordinals: What comes 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th?
- ✓ Sequencing key story events. What comes first, second, third, fourth, fifth ... ninth?

Science

- ✓ Australian Animals- Brainstorm bush animals who live in the Logan area. What do they look like? What do they eat? What sound do they make? How do they move?
- ✓ Sugar Gliders and Greater Gliders – Where do they live? What do they look like? What do they eat? What sound do they make? How do they move? How can we help sugar gliders?

Art

- ✓ Illustrate a scene from the text or from the story.
- ✓ Colour-in activity sheets using bright colours.

Drama

- ✓ **Pretend you are...**
- ✓ Just arriving in Logan to live. How do you feel?
- ✓ Play hide-and-seek at one of the LOGAN locations
- ✓ Act out a LOGAN story using stick puppets with your friends

- ✓ Show range of emotions using facial expressions and hand gestures ...
- ✓ Sad, happy, angry, scared, excited, tired, guilty, proud, nervous, caring, aha moment

Comprehension Questions

1. Where is Logan on a map? Describe where it is.

2. Who were the first people in Logan? _____

3. Who are the three characters in LOGAN: Then & Now

_____, _____, _____

4. What are the two rivers in Logan?

_____, _____

5. List the type of buildings the first settlers built.

_____, _____, _____, _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____, _____,

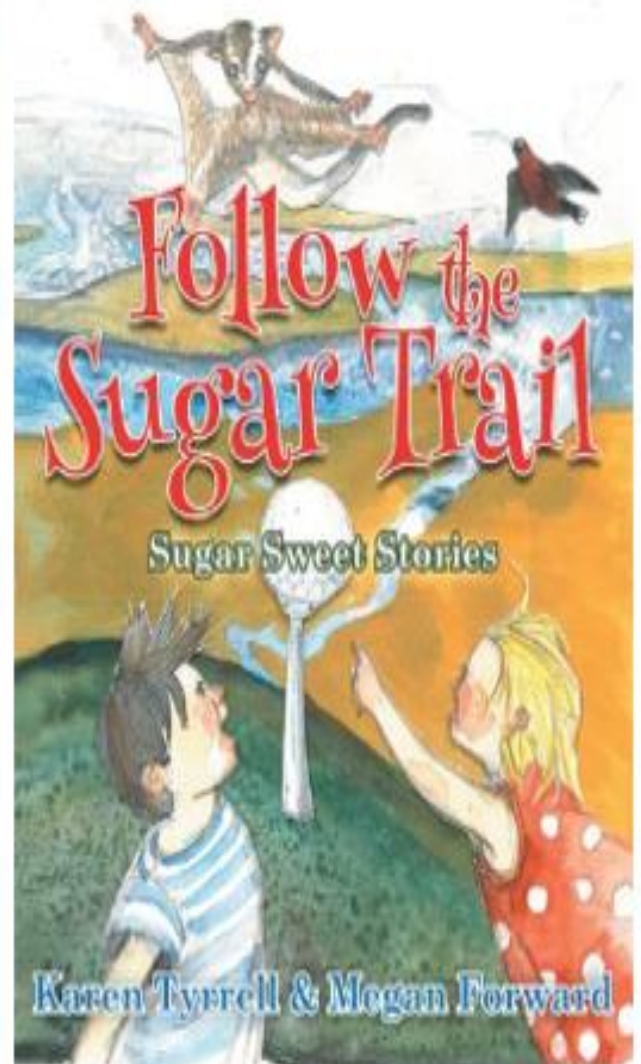
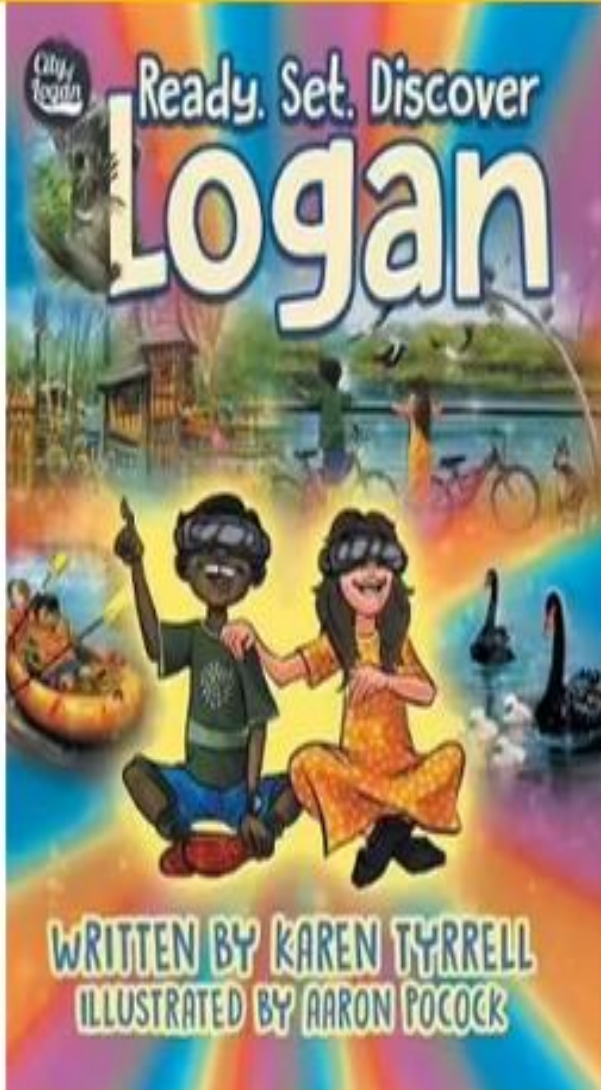
6. Name three special places you can visit in Logan.

_____, _____, _____

7. Name a special place in Logan. How has it changed from THEN to NOW?

8. What activities can children do at Logan's historic places NOW? List.

HASS: Year 3 – How do symbols, events, individuals and places in my community make it unique?



LOGAN local area - children's books by Karen Tyrrell
<http://www.karentyrrell.com>



beenleigh
be part of it!

RIVER HILLS ROAD
DELLAMERE CT
LORDY ST
YOLLA ST
LOGAN STREET

Cricket Pitch
Twin Rivers Country Music Club
Brigalow Country Club
Little Athletics Club
OLIVERS SPORTS COMPLEX
Sports Fields
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Sports Fields

Pond
Lagoon
Pond

MELALEUCA BOARDWALK 150M
RIVERWALK 1KM
BIRD HIDE WALK 230M
MARSH WALK 500M
BUSH TRACK 300M
BUSH TRACK 270M

Water Reclamation Facility
ALBERT RIVER

ADVENTURE TRAIL

0 10 50m

North

EXERCISE TRAIL

Yolla Pathway
Dellamere Pathway
Lordy Pathway

While walking around the Eagleby Wetlands, Adventure Trail, keep your eyes open for the fauna and flora information panels.

Bird illustration: herbytyre

Osprey Tower (PROPOSED)
Bird Hide
Playground
Picnic Shelter
Fitness Station
Fishing spot
Basketball Court

Information
Toilets
Wheelchair Access
Car Park

Concrete path
Dirt track
Walk and Cycle Path

Other facilities include:
- sporting fields
- an exercise trail
- a system of tracks over a section of
- stormwater ponds

The rehabilitation of this area includes improved habitat for local wildlife, new community facilities such as bird hides, park furniture, an amphitheatre, sport and recreation facilities, and innovative recycled water initiatives.

The local Indigenous people, the Yugambah, are the traditional custodians of the Eagleby Wetlands area.

The area still contains evidence of the past activity of the Yugambah with scarred trees and stone tools on the ground.

The reserve has a number of wetlands representing various ecosystems. They include:
- shallow enclosed bodies of water and a river influenced by the tides, where mangroves thrive in the saline waters
- large areas of restored forest
- a woodland-like area with large old indigenous trees.

The wetlands provide habitat for waterbirds located adjacent to the habitats such as meadows, a freshwater swamp, and open grassy fields, and open grassy areas. Australian native birds recorded in the area, Australian Raptors, and other bird species found in the area.

Explore the wetlands pathways and interpret the signs.

For more info
For more information on the Wetlands and the Eagle Adventure Trail, contact Visitor Information Centre email beenleighinfo@logan.qld.gov.au

Visit the Beenleigh Visitor Centre at 205 Main Street to discover more of the region. See also www.beenleighregion.com.au

The Eagleby Beenleigh Adventure Trail is managed by the Queensland Government's Conservation program, in partnership with Logan City Council.

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Rehabilitation of the Eagleby Wetlands is a joint project of the Queensland Government's Conservation Australia, Brisbane & Gold Coast, ph. 0422 194 664 www.BRSQCC.org.au