

Groundhog Day – February 2!

The legend of Groundhog Day began hundreds of years ago in England and Germany. Several folk stories said that hibernating animals would wake up, check the weather, and then decide to go back to sleep for the rest of the winter or stay up for the coming spring.

According to the legend of Groundhog Day, the groundhog will stay above ground if the weather is cloudy and it cannot see its shadow. This means spring is coming early. If the sun is out and the groundhog sees its shadow, it will be frightened and quickly retreat to its burrow below ground. It will stay there for six more weeks. This means there will be six more weeks of winter.

1. What does retreat mean? (use your context clues!)

2. The passage tells you that Groundhog Day is based on a legend. That means it is:

a. fact

b. fiction

c. nonfiction

3. Draw the sun's position and the groundhog's shadow if we are going to have 6 more weeks of winter.



4. Draw what the sky's conditions would be like if we are going to have an early spring.

