

# ***About Habitats: Deserts***

## **Vocabulary:**

(discuss before reading)

- dunes
- dew
- fog

## **Questions:**

### *Before Reading*

*Browse through the book by looking at the pictures and reading some of the words before these questions.*

- Look at the map
  - Where do we live?
  - What other deserts are near us?
  - Can you find the largest desert?
  - Can you find a long, skinny desert?

### *During Reading*

- (Plate 5) Let's go back to the map. Can you find the Arabian desert? How is this desert similar/different than the Sonoran Desert?
- (Plate 11) How are the roots of this cactus and shrub similar/different?

(Plate 12) What would have caused this cactus to become plump and then to become thinner? What changes do you notice between the other plants on this page?

(Plate 14) These two paintings are of the same exact plant and area. In the second picture, what caused the ground to become so green and full of flowers?

### *After Reading*

-Let's look at the Afterword. Pick the most interesting page. Then let's read more about it.

### ***Activities:***

- Look at a globe or another world map. Compare the location of the deserts on the map at the beginning of this book with those on another globe or map. Name some countries where you can find some of these other deserts.

- Use a computer or a phone to look up pictures of the landscape of some of the world's other deserts in this book. Compare and contrast these deserts with the Sonoran Desert we live in.

### **Vocabulary Definitions**

- dunes: a hill of sand shaped by the wind
- dew: small drops of water that form when temperatures drop at night
- fog: low thick clouds close to the ground that have moisture inside