

Student Comprehension Worksheet

Directions: Read the online *Science News* article "[From Elvis worms to the Milky Way's edge, these science stories sparked joy in 2020](#)," which recounts scientific discoveries from 2020 that inspired wonder and awe. A version of the story, "Stories that sparked joy," can be found in the December 19, 2020 & January 2, 2021 issue of *Science News*. After choosing the discovery that most interests you, use the [Science News archive](#) to find the original story about the discovery and answer the following questions.

1. After reading "[From Elvis worms to the Milky Way's edge, these science stories sparked joy in 2020](#)," what discovery most interests you?
2. Why do you find the topic of this summary interesting? How does the topic make you feel? Explain.
3. What did you learn from the summary?
4. What questions do you have after reading the summary?
5. Use the [Science News archive](#) to find and read the original story about the discovery. What details in the original story were left out of the summary?
6. Did the same author write both articles? Why do you think the author of the summary may have left out certain details?
7. Did the original story answer questions you may have had after reading the summary?

Possible extension

8. Describe something you learned in science this year that made you happy. Explain what it was, and why it had that effect on you.