

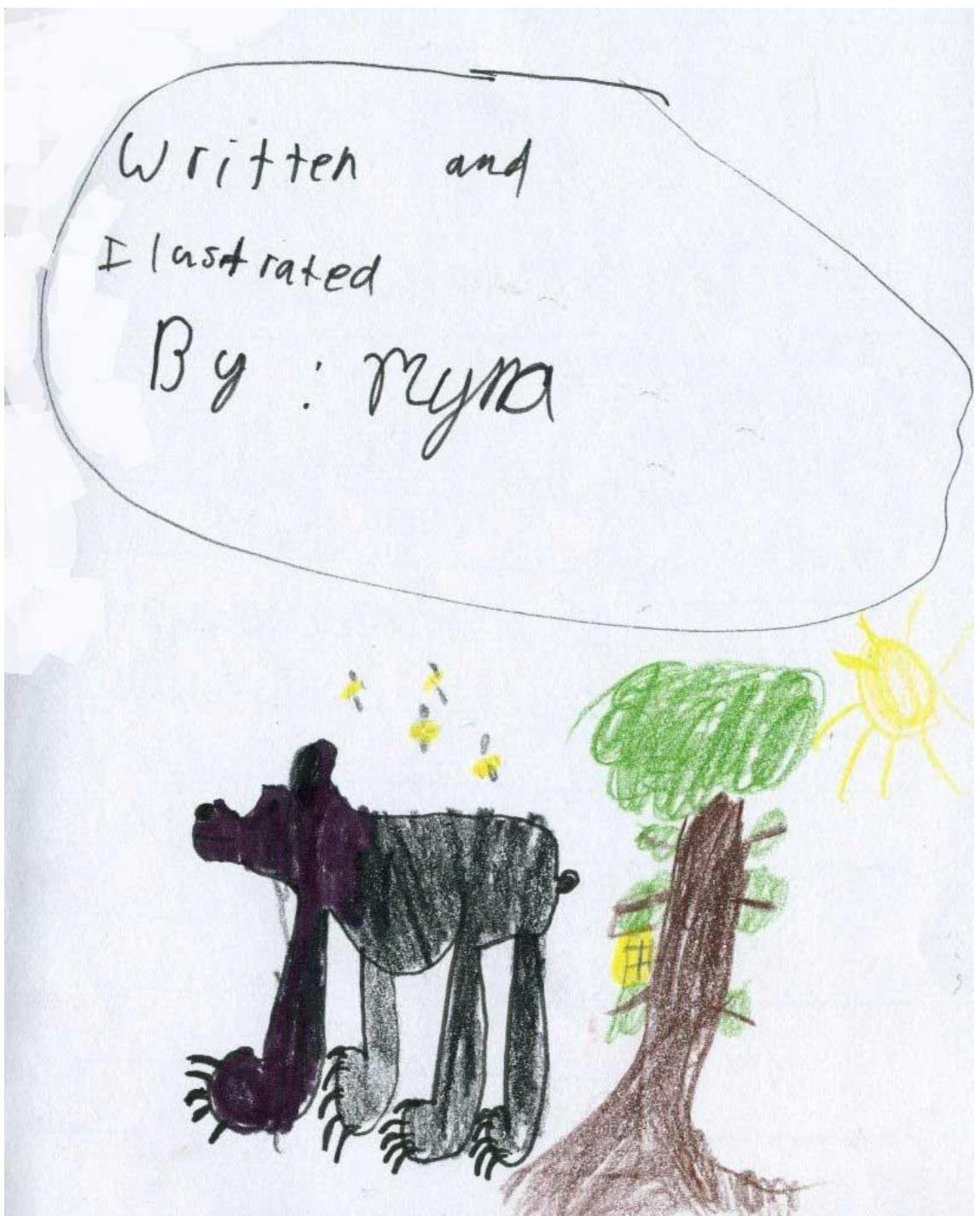
All about  
American  
Black Bears!



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To my grandpa for always being there for me, and he loves black bears. I ♥ You Papa!

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# Chapter 1 Breeding

When a baby black bear is born, the mom is three years old. The female black bear has up to 1-3 cubs.

The baby is in the mama black bear for 7 months. Then her water breaks and the black bear comes out. They have their babies in January. It doesn't have fur yet.

When hibernation is over, that's when baby black bears come out of the den. The black bear stays with its mom for one to two years. Then the mommy says bye, bye. Isn't that cool!



## Chapter 2 Habitat

The black bear lives in North America from Alaska and Canada to Mexico. They usually live in forests and sometimes swamps.

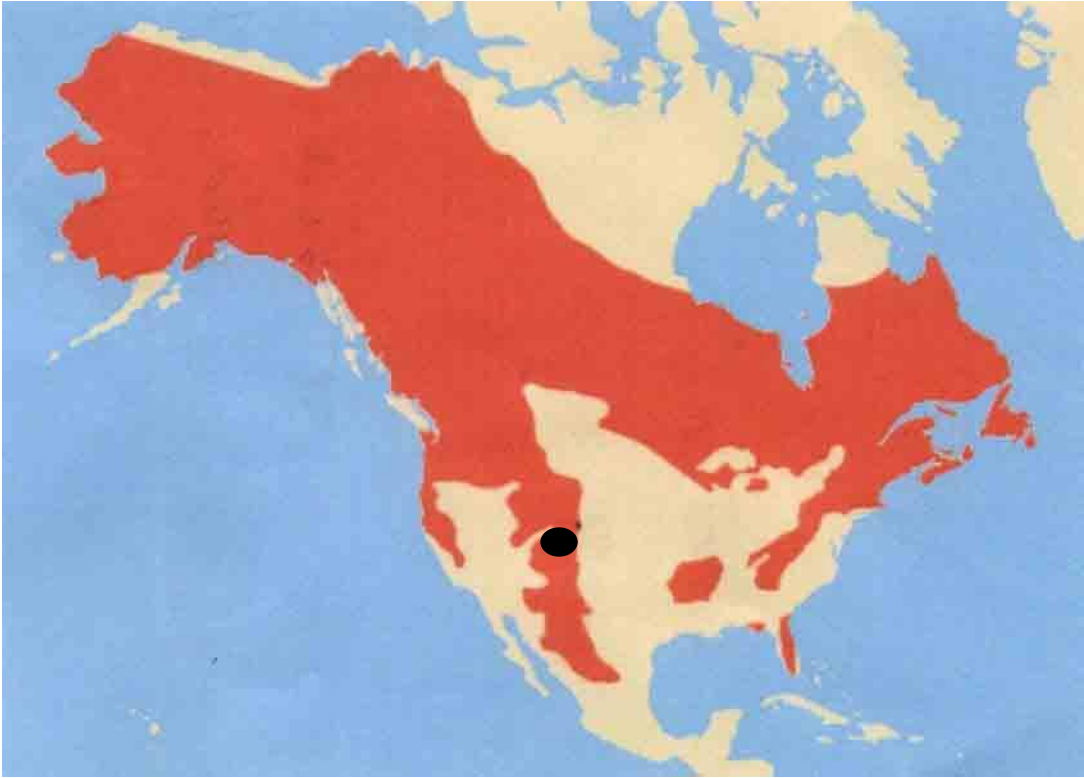
The black bear doesn't migrate, which means travelling to warmer areas in the winter. The climate where they live is cool.

The black bear lives in at least 40 states here in the U.S.A. There is a **population** of 600,000 black bears.

A black bear has a lot of **territory**. The male's territory is anywhere from 8 to 15 **square miles** and half of that is the female's.

# Chapter 3 Map

## Where Black Bears Live



The orange is where the black bear lives. The black dot is where we are.





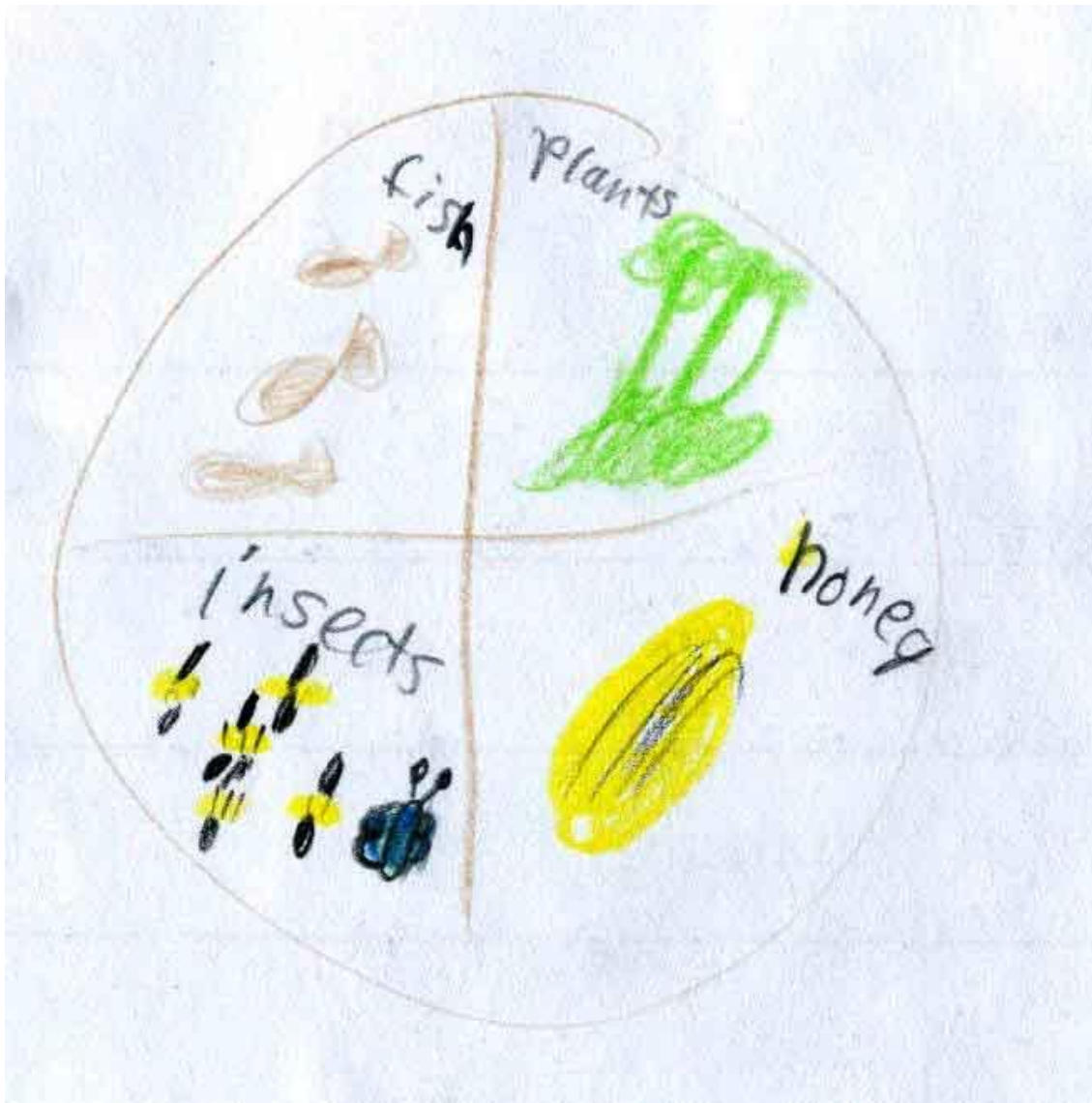
## Chapter 4 Appearance

Bears are **mammals**. On all fours, black bears can be 3 to 4 feet tall in all. But standing on two feet, they're 4-7 feet tall.

Black bears are black, brown, and golden. A black bear can range from really dark black to cinnamon blond. In the East they're black. In the West, they are cinnamon and black.

A full grown male can sometimes weigh 650 pounds, but usually they weigh 450 to 500 pounds. The female can weigh up to 200 pounds. Don't go around black bears.

A black bear may be smaller than other bears, but they are great climbers because of their sharp claws.



# Chapter 5 Diet

Black bears are **omnivores**, which means they eat meat and vegetables. They eat stuff like insects, honey, plants, and meat. In the zoo, they eat nuts, fruit, vegetables, bread, and meat.

During the fall, they eat more than they usually do to get ready for winter. When there's a lot of food outside, they eat up to 45 pounds a day and could gain 5 pounds a day.

During hibernation, they fall into a nice deep sleep. In winter the black bear does not eat anything.



# Chapter 6 Fun Facts

- Black bears are the smallest bears in North America.
- Some black bears **shed**.
- Black bear males are called boars like pigs.
- All black bears aren't black. They are cinnamon, black, and brown.
- There's a population of at least 600,000 in the U.S.A.
- Black bears can live up to 25 years.

# Chapter 7

## Comparing Black Bear to Me



The black bear is 5 feet long, while I am 4 feet 8 inches tall.

# Chapter 8 Pictures



This bear is tanning in the sun.



This bear is staring at you!



This bear is waiting for food.



# Glossary

**mammal**: a warm blooded animal

**omnivore**: eats meat and plants

**population**: how many animals there are

**shed**: lose their fur

**square mile**: an area 1 mile long by 1 mile wide

**territory**: personal space

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