

# AHYOKA AND THE TALKING LEAVES

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Writing Focus #3:

Chapters 6 and 7

Where did Sequoyah go instead of crossing the ford to Willstown? What did Ah-yo-ka want to know? What were they going to eat and where were they going to sleep? What did Ah-yo-ka dream about? How did Ah-yo-ka figure out the secret to the talking leaves? Why did the white man use marks to create sounds? Cite from the text to support your thinking.

What parts of this story are true? How long did it really take Sequoyah to develop his alphabet? How did the Cherokee become convinced that the Sequoyah's alphabet was not magical? Why did Sequoyah become famous? Why did the authors include Ah-yo-ka in this story?