Ethnobotany Story- Food & Shelter

a) Today is a good day to make some tools for the summer camp. You and your friends decide to make some good strong mallets so you go to a tree with good wood for making mallets and remove a branch. What tree is this?

b) While you were cutting the branch for mallets, you get a small cut so you find one of the plants that helps stop bleeding and heals cuts. What plant works for this?

c) Today would be a good day for making planks for the winter plank house so you go to the tree with good wood to make planks and use your new mallet and a yew wedge to split a plank from a fallen tree. Find the tree that makes good planks for the plank house. What is its name?

d) After splitting some nice planks, you decide to use some of the bark from the plank tree to make a simple basket to gather some berries. Then, you go to the berry plants and harvest some berries. What different plants in your habitat have good berries to eat?

e) While you are picking berries you find a plant that makes an excellent yellow dye and you harvest some small branches to bring back to the village for the weaver and the basket maker to use for decoration. It also has good berries in the summer. What plant is this?

f) You also find some delicious nuts to eat. What tree has delicious nuts?

g) You and your friends decide it would be fun to catch some trout from the nearby stream for dinner. So you decide to make some fishing line and net from the plant that makes strong fine cordage. What plant works well for this?

h) After you catch some fish you make a nice fire and decide to cook your fish using roasting sticks. Which plant makes good hard roasting sticks?

i) While cooking your meal you get a small burn. What plant can help heal burns?

j) Your roasted fish smells delicious. You serve your fish along with some fresh berries on a plate made from the large leaves of a nearby tree. What tree is good for this?

You have had a very fine day gathering materials for food and shelter for the village so you head back to camp for an evening of storytelling and song.

This is the end of the story.