

Pansies

DIRECTIONS: Read the two texts. Then answer the questions.

About Pansies

Pansies are colorful flowers with markings that look like faces. Pansies grow in cool weather, so are most often seen in the spring and in the fall. They don't do well in the summer heat. Pansies grow up to 10 inches tall, and the flowers can grow up to three inches across. They are full plants with many dark green, oval or heart-shaped leaves. The blossoms come in many different color combinations, often with striking contrasts. The flower has a pair of upper petals and one larger lower petal. Often marked with rays that extend outward from the center.

Pansies are great for beginning gardeners. They are easy to grow, and don't require much fussing. You will get more flowers on your pansy plants if you remove the dying flowers. When the weather gets too warm for them and they start to look wilted and rough, cut the plants back to reduce the amount of moisture that they need. They will grow back and bloom for you once again when the cool fall weather returns.



By a Bed of Pansies

From *Poems by a Little Girl* by Hilda Conkling

This pansy has a thinking face
Like the yellow moon.
This one has a face with white blots:
I call him the clown.
Here goes one down the grass
With a pretty look of plumpness;
She is a little girl going to school
With her hands in the pockets of her pinafore.
Her name is Sue.
I like this one, in a bonnet,
Waiting,

Her eyes are so deep!
But these on the other side,
These that wear purple and blue,
They are the Velvets,
The king with his cloak,
The queen with her gown,
The prince with his feather.
These are dark and quiet
And stay alone.

I know you, Velvets,
Color of Dark,
Like the pine-tree on the hill
When stars shine!

Name _____ **Integrating Texts**



1. What do pansies look like?

2. What are some of the colors that pansies come in?

3. How do you care for pansies?
