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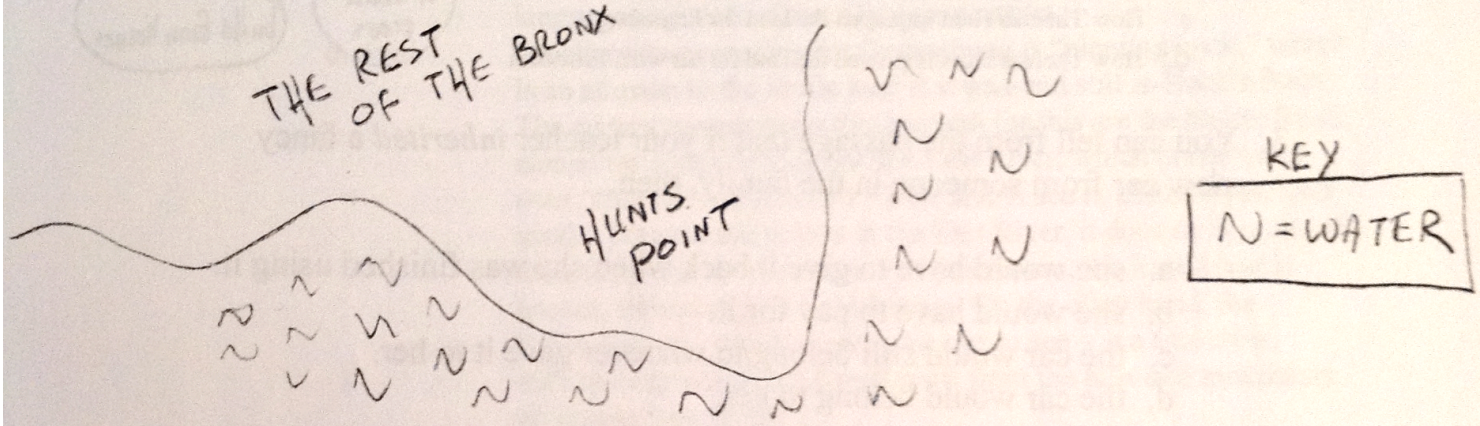
The story of how Hunts Point got its name is a two part story. There is a story for the Hunts part and another story for the Point part. Let's begin with the story about the Point part of the name.

A point is a kind of landform we call a peninsula. A peninsula is land that seems to point out into the water. It seems that way because it is surrounded on three sides by water. If you could look at Hunts Point from the air above, then you would see the Hunts Point peninsula as it really is. On the other hand, if you look at Hunts Point on a map, then you will see…



The second part of the Hunts Point story is about a family named Hunt. About 350 years ago, two Englishmen named Richardson and Jessup bought land from the Indians who had been living here for hundreds of years. Richardson and Jessup wanted to use the land here for farming. When Mr. Jessup died, his daughter, Elizabeth, *inherited* the land that was his. By then his daughter had married another Englishman named Thomas Hunt. So now Jessup's land belonged to the Hunt family.

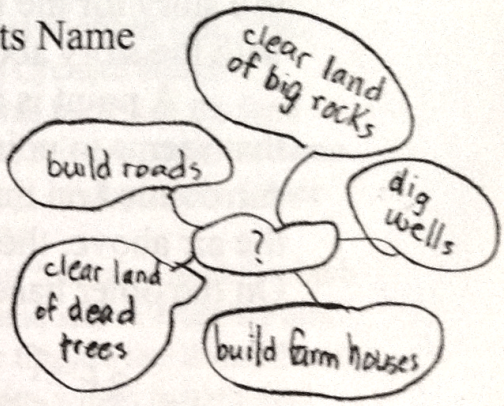
Thomas Hunt was the new landowner who improved the land by clearing it of big rocks and dead trees, by building roads and farm houses, and by digging wells for water. All of these improvements made doing farm work easier to do.

Hunt's Point was the point or peninsula that belonged to the Hunt family. Today it is simply Hunts Point, without the apostrophe, since the land no longer belongs to the Hunt family.

1. The best title for this passage could be…

   a. The Story of Thomas Hunt
   b. The Story of How Hunts Point Got its Name
   c. The Two Part Story of How Hunts Point Got its Name
   d. The Two Part Story of Richardson and Jessup

2. Complete the graphic organizer.



   a. How Thomas Hunt improved the land for farming
   b. How Thomas Hunt improved the land for Indians
   c. How Thomas Hunt improved the land for Englishmen
   d. How Thomas Hunt improved the land for his wife, Elizabeth

3. You can tell from the passage that if your teacher *inherited* a fancy new car from someone in the family, then…

   a. she would have to give it back when she was finished using it.
   b. she would have to pay for it.
   c. the car would still belong to whoever gave it to her.
   d. the car would belong to her.

4. How is an island different from a peninsula?

   a. An island is surrounded by more water than a peninsula.
   b. An island is surrounded by less water than a peninsula.
   c. An island and a peninsula are exactly the same.
   d. Islands have farms, but peninsulas don't.

5. Which one of the streets in Hunts Point did Thomas Hunt probably build?

   a. Spofford Avenue c. Hunts Point Avenue
   b. Faile Street d. Coster Street