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**Tell Me Why**

**Directions:** To write your own pourquoi tale, begin by thinking of a question about something in nature. Your question can be from the list your class has created or one that you have thought up on your own.

**Writing Tip:** Many why stories begin by describing how something used to be and then showing how and why it changed. For instance, a story about why Elephant has a long trunk might begin when Elephant had a short trunk or no trunk at all.

Where does your story take place? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Who are the characters in your story? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Who is your main story character? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How does your main character change? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What makes this change happen? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Now take these ideas and put them into a story.