



ANSWERS

1. Great Basin Bristlecone Pine
2. to drill into the center of a tree and pull out a very thin cylinder of trunk
3. 5,000 years
4. a very harsh climate, cold and windy
5. Because of the conditions of the climate where it lives, the Bristlecone Pine grows very, very slowly, which means that its wood is far denser than that of most trees. The density of its wood protects it against the things that typically kill other trees, such as insects, fungi, rot, and erosion. It is also hardly ever subject to wildfires, since it lives in areas where the lack of vegetation make wildfires unlikely or impossible.