The Riddler

Working alone or with classmates, identify what is being described in each of the following riddles.

1

A box without hinges, key, or lid,

Yet golden treasure inside is hid.

2

Voiceless it cries,

Wingless it flutters,

Toothless bites,

Mouthless mutters.

3

You must keep it after giving it.

4

As light as a feather, but you can’t hold it for ten minutes.

5

Has a mouth but does not speak,

Has a bed but never sleeps.

6

I am always hungry,

I must always be fed,

The finger I lick

Will soon turn red.

7

Though I dance at a ball, I am nothing at all.

8

You break it when you name it.

9

My life can be measured in hours,

I serve by being devoured.

Thin, I am quick,

Fat, I am slow

Wind is my foe.

10

He who makes it needs it not

He who buys it wants it not

He who uses it knows it not.

11

I have legs but walk not

A strong back but work not

Two good arms but reach not

A seat but sit and tarry not.

12

The root tops the trunk

On this backward thing

That grows in the winter

And dies in the spring.