Mina Investigates Frogs

Follow the steps of a small research project.

2.LF.46 "Gather and use research to answer questions to complete a research product. a. Create topics of interest for a research project. b. Create questions to gather information for a research project. c..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline Mina's topic, circle her research question, and write 1 and 2 beside the two sources she uses. Your marks will show how she finds facts for her book.

Mina's Frog Book

1. Mina wants to make a small book about frogs. She picks frogs as her topic because she hears them near her home. First, she asks, "Where do frogs lay eggs?" This question helps her know what facts to look for.

2. Mina reads a library book that says many frogs lay eggs in water. She also asks a park worker where frogs lay eggs. The worker says frogs in the park lay eggs in the pond. Mina checks both sources before she writes.

3. Mina writes, "Frogs in our park lay eggs in the pond." She does not copy the book's words. Copying another person's words and saying they are yours is plagiarism. Mina uses her own words and names her sources to show where she found facts.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What topic does Mina pick, and what question helps her look for facts?

2. What does Mina learn from each of her two sources?

3. Why does Mina use her own words and name her sources?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Pick a topic that is not frogs. Write a question you want to answer, name two different kinds of sources you could use, and tell why you would use your own words and name your sources.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.LF.46

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline Mina's topic, circle her research question, and write 1 and 2 beside the two sources she uses. Your marks will show how she finds facts for her book. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What topic does Mina pick, and what question helps her look for facts?	**Her topic is frogs. She asks where frogs lay eggs.**
2	What does Mina learn from each of her two sources?	**The library book says many frogs lay eggs in water. The park worker says frogs in the park lay eggs in the pond.**
3	Why does Mina use her own words and name her sources?	**Copying someone else's words and claiming them as her own is plagiarism. Naming her sources shows where she found her facts.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I want to learn about clouds. My question is, "How does rain fall from clouds?" I could read a weather book and ask my science teacher. I would use my own words so I do not copy, and name my sources so others know where the facts came from.

Accept any topic other than frogs, a question about that topic, and two different kinds of sources. The response should connect using one's own words to avoiding plagiarism and naming sources to showing where facts came from.