Falcon Facts Together

Combine evidence from three sources about peregrine falcons.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.5.9 "Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one important fact from each text that helps explain peregrine falcons' decline, recovery, or life in cities. Number your three underlined facts 1, 2, and 3 in the order you would use them to explain the topic.

Three Texts About Peregrine Falcons

1. Text 1, a city wildlife survey, describes peregrine falcons nesting on tall buildings. The survey notes that ledges on bridges and skyscrapers can resemble the cliff ledges where the birds nest in the wild. In many cities, people watch the nests by camera. These observations show that peregrines can live near busy streets when they have a safe nesting spot and enough prey.

2. Text 2, a history article, explains why peregrine numbers once dropped in North America. A pesticide called DDT built up in the food chain. It caused many birds of prey to lay thin-shelled eggs that broke easily. The United States banned most uses of DDT in 1972. Afterward, protections and breeding programs helped peregrine populations recover.

3. Text 3, a conservation report, says recovery did not happen for one reason alone. Scientists released captive-bred young falcons, guarded nest sites, and tracked birds with bands. The report also explains that healthy prey populations matter because peregrines hunt other birds, often in midair. Together, these efforts helped the falcons return to many places, though local nests still need careful monitoring over time.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How do Text 1 and Text 3 together explain what peregrine falcons need to live in a city?

2. Use Text 2 and Text 3 to explain the chain of events that helped peregrine falcons recover.

3. Which text gives the clearest evidence that peregrine recovery took more than one action? Add one detail from a different text that supports your answer.

4. A classmate says, "Peregrines recovered only because people stopped using DDT." Use Text 2 and Text 3 to explain why this statement is incomplete.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence museum label about peregrine falcons. Use information from all three texts to explain their decline, recovery, and life in cities today.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one important fact from each text that helps explain peregrine falcons' decline, recovery, or life in cities. Number your three underlined facts 1, 2, and 3 in the order you would use them to explain the topic. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How do Text 1 and Text 3 together explain what peregrine falcons need to live in a city?	**They need safe nesting places, such as high ledges, and enough healthy prey. Text 3 also shows that people may need to monitor nest sites.**
2	Use Text 2 and Text 3 to explain the chain of events that helped peregrine falcons recover.	**DDT had caused eggshells to break easily. After most DDT uses were banned, protections, breeding programs, released young falcons, and guarded nest sites helped populations recover.**
3	Which text gives the clearest evidence that peregrine recovery took more than one action? Add one detail from a different text that supports your answer.	**Text 3 says recovery did not happen for one reason alone and lists several actions. Text 2 supports this by explaining that the DDT ban and breeding programs also helped.**
4	A classmate says, "Peregrines recovered only because people stopped using DDT." Use Text 2 and Text 3 to explain why this statement is incomplete.	**The DDT ban was important, but Text 3 shows that releasing captive-bred falcons, guarding nest sites, tracking birds, and maintaining healthy prey also helped.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Peregrine falcons lost numbers when DDT weakened eggshells, but the 1972 ban, breeding programs, and protected nest sites helped them recover. Today, some falcons nest on city buildings because high ledges resemble cliffs. They still need safe sites, healthy prey, and monitoring, so people can help protect local nests.

Accept answers that accurately combine details from the named texts, rather than listing facts from only one text. For the museum label, look for all three ideas: the DDT problem, several recovery actions, and present-day nesting needs.