Beaver Builder Notes

Find the parts that make an information piece clear.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.2.2 "Write informative/explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that introduces the topic. Box the definition of lodge, and circle the concluding sentence. These parts help an information piece begin, explain, and end.

How Beavers Build Homes

1. This report explains how beavers build safe homes. Beavers live near ponds and streams. They use their teeth to cut small trees and branches for building. They also carry mud and stones to their building sites.

2. A lodge is a beaver home made from branches and mud. Beavers pile branches into a mound. Then they press mud between the branches. The mud helps block cold air and keeps the home together.

3. In conclusion, beavers are careful builders. Their homes can protect them from weather and some animals. By cutting, carrying, and piling materials, beavers make a useful place to rest and raise their young.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What topic does the first sentence introduce?

2. What does lodge mean, and what is one fact that explains how it is built?

3. What sentence tells the reader that the information piece is ending?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-paragraph information piece about how beavers build homes. Use facts from the passage only, introduce the topic, include the definition of lodge and at least two facts, and end with a concluding statement.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · W.2.2

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that introduces the topic. Box the definition of lodge, and circle the concluding sentence. These parts help an information piece begin, explain, and end. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What topic does the first sentence introduce?	**It introduces how beavers build safe homes.**
2	What does lodge mean, and what is one fact that explains how it is built?	**A lodge is a beaver home made from branches and mud. Beavers pile branches into a mound, or they press mud between the branches.**
3	What sentence tells the reader that the information piece is ending?	**In conclusion, beavers are careful builders.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Beavers build strong homes near water. A lodge is a beaver home made from branches and mud. Beavers pile branches into a mound and press mud between the branches. In conclusion, beavers use branches and mud to make homes that protect them.

Accept accurate wording for the marked introduction, the lodge definition, and the conclusion. For the writing task, check for three paragraphs, a clear topic introduction, passage-based facts and definition, and a concluding statement.