

Bee Research Trail

Use three sources to answer one question.

ELA.2.C.4.1 "Participate in research to gather information to answer a question about a single topic using multiple sources."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Read the three sources. Underline one fact in each source that helps answer the research question, then circle each source label.

How Do Honeybees Help Plants?

- ① Research Question: How do honeybees help plants grow? Source 1 is a book called Busy Bees. It says a bee visits flowers to collect nectar and pollen. Pollen can stick to the bee's fuzzy body.
- ② Source 2 is a nature center website. It explains that when a bee lands on another flower, some pollen may rub off. This helps the plant make seeds. Seeds can grow into new plants.
- ③ Source 3 is a park ranger's notes. The ranger watched bees visit pumpkin flowers in a garden. Later, small pumpkins grew there. The notes and the other sources all show that bees move pollen between flowers.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Which two sources explain how pollen gets from a bee to a flower?

2 Use Source 1 and Source 2. How does pollen get from one flower to another?

3 What information does Source 3 add to the research?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose one plant or animal to investigate. Write a research question, use two sources, write one fact from each source, and write an answer to your question.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Read the three sources. Underline one fact in each source that helps answer the research question, then circle each source label. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which two sources explain how pollen gets from a bee to a flower?	Sources 1 and 2.
2	Use Source 1 and Source 2. How does pollen get from one flower to another?	Pollen sticks to a bee's fuzzy body, then it can rub off on another flower.
3	What information does Source 3 add to the research?	A ranger saw bees visit pumpkin flowers, and small pumpkins grew there later.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Question: What do earthworms eat? A book about earthworms says they eat dead leaves. A science website says they eat tiny bits of dead plants in soil. Earthworms eat dead plant material.

Accept equivalent wording for the questions if the student uses information from the named sources. For Your Turn, accept a single-topic question, two different sources, one relevant fact from each source, and an answer based on both facts.