

Source Search Detectives

Use information sources to answer a question about the past.

SS.2.A.1.2 "Utilize the media center, technology, or other informational sources to locate information that provides answers to questions about a historical topic."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline Mia's question, then circle the two sources she used and number them 1 and 2 in the order she used them.

Mia Finds an Answer

- ① Mia wanted to learn about school days in 1900. She wrote one clear question: "What did children use to carry books?" At the media center, she searched the library catalog for books about old schools.
- ② One book showed a photograph of a child with a cloth book strap. Its caption said that children used cloth straps to hold books. Mia copied the book title and page number onto her notes.
- ③ Next, Mia used a museum website on a computer. She typed "school book strap" into its search box. A page about early schools also named the cloth strap. Two sources gave Mia an answer.

2

ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1

What question did Mia want to answer about the past?

2

What did the book's caption say about the cloth strap?

3

How did technology help Mia find another source?

3

YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a historical topic, such as toys or homes long ago. Write one question, then list two sources you could use and the words or place that would help you find each source.

MY QUESTION	SOURCE I COULD USE	WORDS OR PLACE TO SEARCH

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline Mia's question, then circle the two sources she used and number them 1 and 2 in the order she used them. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What question did Mia want to answer about the past?	What did children use to carry books?
2	What did the book's caption say about the cloth strap?	It said that children used cloth straps to hold books.
3	How did technology help Mia find another source?	She used a computer to search a museum website for "school book strap."

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

MY QUESTION	SOURCE I COULD USE	WORDS OR PLACE TO SEARCH
What toys did children play with in 1920?	library book	Library catalog: toys long ago
What toys did children play with in 1920?	museum website	Search box: children's toys 1920

Accept answers that match the passage for Parts 1 and 2. For Your Turn, accept one clear question about the past and two reasonable information sources with useful search words or a location method.