Letters Build Bridges

Notice how a reader writes back to an author.

2.P.EICC.2 "Engagement & Intention: Engage in written or spoken dialogue as author and audience for a variety of tasks and purposes, making intentional connections within, between, and beyond texts."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that tells why the writer is writing to Ms. Lee. Write 1 beside the sentence that names another story and 2 beside the sentence that connects the book to the writer's life.

A Letter About a Kitten

1. Dear Ms. Lee, I read your book about a lost kitten. I am writing to tell you that I liked how Maya kept looking, even when rain made the streets wet and dark.

2. At the end, Maya hears a tiny meow near the blue gate. That part helped me understand why she did not give up. Did you choose the blue gate because it stands out in the rain?

3. Your kitten story also reminded me of a story I read called The Lost Puppy. In both stories, a child searches for a pet. Last year, my family looked for our turtle, so I knew the worried feeling.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why is the writer writing to Ms. Lee?

2. What other text does the writer connect to Ms. Lee's book?

3. What life experience helps the writer understand Maya's worried feeling?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence note to the author of a book you read. In sentence 1, tell a part you liked, in sentence 2, connect it to another text, and in sentence 3, connect it to your life and tell a feeling.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that tells why the writer is writing to Ms. Lee. Write 1 beside the sentence that names another story and 2 beside the sentence that connects the book to the writer's life. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why is the writer writing to Ms. Lee?	**The writer wants to tell Ms. Lee what she liked about the book and ask about the blue gate.**
2	What other text does the writer connect to Ms. Lee's book?	**The Lost Puppy.**
3	What life experience helps the writer understand Maya's worried feeling?	**The writer's family looked for their turtle last year.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Dear Mr. Ruiz, I liked the part in your book when Mia shared her warm scarf with Ben. It reminded me of The Helping Hand, because a child helps a friend in that story too. It also reminded me of giving my sister my mittens, and I felt proud.

Accept answers that identify the writer's purpose and the two connections using equivalent words. For the open response, accept a three-sentence note with a book detail, a connection to another text, and a personal connection with a feeling.