Question Quest

Use a topic to shape research questions.

2.T.RA.1.a "Generate questions about self-selected topics of interest for research. (I)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline Maya's three research questions. Number them 1, 2, and 3 to notice how each question helps her research tide pools.

Maya's Tide-Pool Questions

1. Maya likes visiting rocky beaches with her uncle. At low tide, she sees small pools of ocean water between rocks. She chooses tide pools as her research topic because she wants to learn more about the animals living there.

2. First, Maya thinks about what she wonders. She writes, "Which animals live in tide pools?" Then she adds, "What do sea stars eat?" These questions can help her find facts in a book, safe website, or video.

3. Maya also wants to know how tide-pool animals stay safe. She asks, "Where do crabs hide when birds are near?" Her questions name a topic and ask for facts. Now Maya has questions to guide her research.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Maya sees a snail in a tide pool. Write a research question about what the snail eats. Use Maya's sea star question as a model.

2. Maya wants to learn where an octopus hides when birds are near. Write a research question. Use her crab question as a model.

3. Maya wants to find out how sea stars stay safe. Write a research question that could help her find facts.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a topic you want to research. Write three different questions that will help you find facts about your topic. End each question with a question mark.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline Maya's three research questions. Number them 1, 2, and 3 to notice how each question helps her research tide pools. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Maya sees a snail in a tide pool. Write a research question about what the snail eats. Use Maya's sea star question as a model.	**What do snails eat?**
2	Maya wants to learn where an octopus hides when birds are near. Write a research question. Use her crab question as a model.	**Where do octopuses hide when birds are near?**
3	Maya wants to find out how sea stars stay safe. Write a research question that could help her find facts.	**How do sea stars stay safe?**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Topic: Rainbows What makes a rainbow? When can people see a rainbow? Why do rainbows have colors?

Accept questions that match the stated topic, ask for facts, and use question words or forms. For Part 3, accept many topics and question sets if all three questions are different and end with question marks.