Beaver Source Hunt

Use source details to connect ideas about beavers.

2.T.RA.2 "Curating Sources & Evidence: Reference parts of texts to address a specific topic or question and explore various sources of information to make connections across a broad range of topics."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words Source 1, Source 2, and Source 3. Circle one fact in each paragraph that tells what that source teaches about beavers or their pond.

A Beaver Pond

1. Source 1, a park sign, says beavers use their sharp front teeth to cut small trees and branches. They pile wood, mud, and stones across moving water. This dam can slow the water and help make a pond.

2. Source 2, a nature book, explains that a beaver pond can give frogs, fish, and ducks a place to live. The pond may also hold water during a dry time. Plants can grow near its edge.

3. Source 3, a photo caption, shows a beaver lodge in the pond. A lodge is a home made of sticks and mud. Its underwater entrance can help keep the beaver safer from animals that hunt it.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which source tells how a beaver makes a dam and what the dam does?

2. What detail from Source 2 connects to the idea that a dam helps make a pond?

3. Which two sources together show that beavers make a pond that helps other animals? Name the sources and tell one fact from each.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Use Source 1 and Source 3 to answer this question: How do beavers build a home that can protect them? Write two sentences. Name a source in each sentence.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the words Source 1, Source 2, and Source 3. Circle one fact in each paragraph that tells what that source teaches about beavers or their pond. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which source tells how a beaver makes a dam and what the dam does?	**Source 1, the park sign. It says beavers pile wood, mud, and stones to make a dam that slows water and helps make a pond.**
2	What detail from Source 2 connects to the idea that a dam helps make a pond?	**Source 2 says a beaver pond can give frogs, fish, and ducks a place to live.**
3	Which two sources together show that beavers make a pond that helps other animals? Name the sources and tell one fact from each.	**Sources 1 and 2. Source 1 says a dam helps make a pond, and Source 2 says the pond gives frogs, fish, and ducks a place to live.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Source 1 says a dam slows water and helps make a pond. Source 3 says a lodge has an underwater entrance that helps keep a beaver safer from hunters.

Accept equivalent details that are clearly named or connected to the correct source. For the open task, students should use one accurate detail from Source 1 and one accurate detail from Source 3 in two sentences.