Beaver Builder Views

Track each section with a summary and a mental picture.

4.P.EICC.3.d "Summarize and visualize sections of the text to maintain understanding. (I)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number the paragraphs 1, 2, and 3, then underline the one sentence in each paragraph that best tells what that section is mostly about so you can picture the beaver's work in order.

A Beaver's Home

1. At dusk, a beaver starts building a dam across a narrow stream. It uses its sharp front teeth to cut small trees and branches. The beaver drags the wood through shallow water and piles it in the stream. Mud, stones, and plants fill gaps between the branches. Soon, the wall slows the water behind it.

2. The pond created by the dam gives the beaver a place to build a lodge. The beaver carries more sticks to the pond's edge and makes its home. A lodge may have a room above the waterline and an underwater entrance. The entrance helps the beaver stay safer from many land animals, which cannot easily reach it by swimming.

3. A beaver cares for its pond and lodge throughout the year. During winter, the pond may freeze on top, but water remains below the ice. Inside the lodge, the beaver rests and eats stored branches. In spring, fast-moving water or fallen trees can damage the dam. The beaver repairs weak places so the pond and lodge remain useful.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Write a 10 to 15 word summary of paragraph 1.

2. Name one detail from paragraph 2 that you would include in a drawing. Explain what the detail helps you picture.

3. Write three short captions, in order, for a three-panel picture of the passage. Each caption should tell the main action of one paragraph.

4. Write one sentence that summarizes all three paragraphs.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Create a three-box sketch that shows the important action in each paragraph, and add a short label to each box. Then write a 30 to 40 word summary that connects the three boxes.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Number the paragraphs 1, 2, and 3, then underline the one sentence in each paragraph that best tells what that section is mostly about so you can picture the beaver's work in order. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Write a 10 to 15 word summary of paragraph 1.	**A beaver builds a dam with wood, mud, stones, and plants.**
2	Name one detail from paragraph 2 that you would include in a drawing. Explain what the detail helps you picture.	**The underwater entrance. It helps the reader picture a lodge with a hidden opening below the water.**
3	Write three short captions, in order, for a three-panel picture of the passage. Each caption should tell the main action of one paragraph.	**1. Beaver builds a dam. 2. Beaver builds a lodge. 3. Beaver cares for its pond and lodge.**
4	Write one sentence that summarizes all three paragraphs.	**A beaver builds a dam, makes a safe lodge, and maintains its home through the year.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Box 1 sketch: a beaver pushing branches into a narrow stream. Label: Dam. Box 2 sketch: a lodge in a pond with an underwater entrance. Label: Lodge. Box 3 sketch: a beaver fixing a broken dam. Label: Repair. Summary: A beaver builds a dam that slows a stream and forms a pond. In the pond, it builds a lodge with an underwater entrance. Across the seasons, it uses the lodge and repairs the dam when needed.

Accept summaries that include the main action or change in each section without unnecessary details. Accept sketches and labels that accurately show the dam, lodge, and seasonal care or repair in paragraph order.