

Firefly Text Tracks

Compare how three genres share facts about fireflies.

4.T.SS.1.a "Compare and contrast the text features (e.g., icons, hyperlinks) and organizational structures (e.g. chronological order, rhyme pattern) of texts written in different genres/for certain purposes, on the same topic. (I)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each icon, underline the hyperlink, and box the headings in the field guide. Number the web update's time-order steps, and write matching letters beside rhyming poem lines so you can compare how each text is organized.

Three Views of Fireflies

- ① **WEB UPDATE:** Fireflies Light Up the Park [map icon] On June 12, families can join a firefly walk at Pine Park. First, meet the ranger at 8:30 p.m. Next, use the trail map to reach the meadow. Then, watch for small flashes near grasses. Read safety rules at Firefly Walk Rules (www.pinepark.org/fireflies). The map icon and link help visitors plan the event.
- ② **POEM:** Lantern Bugs At dusk, a tiny lantern gleams. It floats above the grass in beams. Its light may blink, then fade from sight. It signals other fireflies at night. One flash can sparkle near a tree. Another answers, bright and free. The meadow seems to hold small stars. They drift beyond the garden bars until dawn.
- ③ **FIELD GUIDE:** Firefly Facts [magnifying-glass icon] Fireflies are beetles, not flies. Their lower abdomens make light through a chemical reaction. • Habitat: Look in damp fields, forests, and yards. • Life cycle: Eggs hatch into larvae, larvae grow, and adults emerge. • Care: Watch without catching them. Leave their homes undisturbed so future fireflies can glow there at night.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Which text uses a hyperlink, and how does it help its reader?

2 How is the web update organized differently from the field guide?

3 What rhyme pattern do the eight lines in the poem use?

4 How do the map icon in the web update and the headings in the field guide help readers in different ways?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a 2-sentence mini announcement about fireflies that uses a heading and puts events in time order. Then write 2 sentences comparing your announcement with the poem, including one difference in purpose and one difference in organization or text features.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle each icon, underline the hyperlink, and box the headings in the field guide. Number the web update's time-order steps, and write matching letters beside rhyming poem lines so you can compare how each text is organized. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which text uses a hyperlink, and how does it help its reader?	The web update uses a hyperlink. It leads readers to the firefly walk safety rules.
2	How is the web update organized differently from the field guide?	The web update uses time order, with First, Next, and Then. The field guide groups facts into categories such as Habitat, Life cycle, and Care.
3	What rhyme pattern do the eight lines in the poem use?	AABBCCDD.
4	How do the map icon in the web update and the headings in the field guide help readers in different ways?	The map icon highlights information about the park walk and trail. The headings help readers quickly find facts about habitat, life cycle, or care.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

FIREFLY WATCH: First, meet at the library garden at 8:00 p.m. Next, walk quietly to the flower bed and look for flashes. My announcement gives directions, while the poem helps readers imagine fireflies. My announcement uses a heading and time-order words, while the poem uses rhyming lines.

Accept equivalent descriptions of the web update's chronological structure and the field guide's category structure. For the open task, accept a reasonable heading, clear time order, and two accurate comparisons with the poem.