Falcon Flight Frames

Track each section with a summary and a mental picture.

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

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB After reading each paragraph, write a 6- to 10-word summary in the margin. Circle one detail in each paragraph that helps you make a clear picture in your mind.

A City Falcon's Hunt

1. On a tall city bridge, a peregrine falcon watches pigeons below. Its blue-gray back blends with the steel and sky, while dark stripes mark its pale face. The bird stays still, turning its head to track movement. Peregrine falcons often live near cliffs, but some use skyscrapers and bridges as high places for nesting and hunting.

2. When it spots prey, the falcon begins a fast dive called a stoop. It folds its wings close to its body, which helps it cut through the air. During a stoop, the falcon may reach more than 200 miles per hour. Just before contact, it adjusts its path and strikes with its feet, called talons.

3. After a successful hunt, the falcon carries food to a safe perch or nest site. Parents tear prey into small pieces for young chicks, which cannot hunt yet. City nesting pairs can help control some pigeon populations, although they do not remove all pigeons. By using tall human-made structures, peregrine falcons show how a wild animal can survive in a busy city.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Write a 6- to 10-word summary of paragraph 1.

2. Write a 6- to 10-word summary of paragraph 2.

3. Which two details from paragraph 2 help you picture the stoop? Tell what you picture.

4. In one sentence, summarize what paragraphs 2 and 3 show happens after the falcon spots prey.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Make a three-box sketch, with one box for each paragraph. Add a 6- to 10-word caption under each box and include one passage detail in each drawing.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

After reading each paragraph, write a 6- to 10-word summary in the margin. Circle one detail in each paragraph that helps you make a clear picture in your mind. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Write a 6- to 10-word summary of paragraph 1.	**A falcon watches pigeons from a high city bridge.**
2	Write a 6- to 10-word summary of paragraph 2.	**A falcon dives quickly and strikes prey with talons.**
3	Which two details from paragraph 2 help you picture the stoop? Tell what you picture.	**Its folded wings and speed of more than 200 miles per hour make me picture a tight, rapid dive.**
4	In one sentence, summarize what paragraphs 2 and 3 show happens after the falcon spots prey.	**The falcon dives to strike prey, then carries food to a perch or nest, where parents feed young chicks.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Box 1 caption: A falcon watches pigeons from a city bridge. Drawing detail: dark face stripes. Box 2 caption: The falcon dives quickly to strike prey with talons. Drawing detail: folded wings. Box 3 caption: Parents feed young chicks at a safe nest. Drawing detail: small pieces of food.

Accept summaries that state each paragraph's main idea in 6 to 10 words, even if students use different wording. In the sketch, accept accurate visual details and captions that match the correct section of the passage.