Pond Topic Hunt

Find the focus of each paragraph and the topic of the whole text.

RI.2.2 "Identify the main topic of a multi paragraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs or sections within the text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence in each paragraph that best tells what that paragraph is mostly about. Use those sentences to think about the main topic of the whole text.

A Beaver Pond

1. Beavers use sticks, rocks, and mud to build a dam across a stream. The dam slows the moving water. Water gathers behind it and makes a pond. A beaver can add more sticks when water slips through.

2. Beavers make a home called a lodge in the pond. They pile up branches and mud to make its walls. The door is under the water. Inside, the beavers have a dry place to rest.

3. A beaver pond can become a home for other animals, too. Frogs lay eggs in the still water. Ducks may swim and find food there. Fish can hide among plants near the edge of the pond.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is the main topic of the whole text?

2. What is paragraph 1 mostly about?

3. How is the focus of paragraph 2 different from the focus of paragraph 3?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a three-paragraph text about an animal you know. Write a title that shows the whole text's main topic, then write a heading and two sentences for just one paragraph to show its focus.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence in each paragraph that best tells what that paragraph is mostly about. Use those sentences to think about the main topic of the whole text. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the main topic of the whole text?	**How beavers make ponds and how animals use them.**
2	What is paragraph 1 mostly about?	**How beavers build a dam that makes a pond.**
3	How is the focus of paragraph 2 different from the focus of paragraph 3?	**Paragraph 2 is about beavers' lodges. Paragraph 3 is about other animals that use the pond.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Title: Cats at Home
Heading: How Cats Clean Their Fur
Cats lick their fur with their tongues. Their rough tongues help remove loose hair.

For the marking job, the first sentence of each paragraph is the clearest choice. For Your Turn, accept a broad title, a narrower heading, and two accurate sentences that fit the heading.