Wonder About Owls

Turn an interest into research topics and questions.

2.6.W.1 "Students will generate a list of topics and questions about an area of interest for research."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the three owl topics in the first paragraph. Then underline one research question for each topic in the rest of the passage.

My Owl Questions

1. I want to learn about owls. I make a list of three topics: owl homes, owl food, and owl sounds. A topic is a small part of my big interest. Each topic can lead to a question.

2. I start with owl homes. My first question is, "Where do owls sleep during the day?" Some owls rest in tree holes. I will look in a book to learn where other owls sleep.

3. Next, I think about owl food. I write, "What do owls eat?" Owls eat small animals, including mice and insects. For owl sounds, I write, "Why do owls make calls?" I want to learn what their calls mean.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What three topics does the writer list about owls?

2. What question does the writer ask about owl homes?

3. Which topic goes with the writer's question about owl calls?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose something you want to learn about besides owls. Write three topics about it and one research question for each topic.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the three owl topics in the first paragraph. Then underline one research question for each topic in the rest of the passage. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What three topics does the writer list about owls?	**Owl homes, owl food, and owl sounds.**
2	What question does the writer ask about owl homes?	**Where do owls sleep during the day?**
3	Which topic goes with the writer's question about owl calls?	**Owl sounds.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Interest: Gardens
Topic: Seeds. Question: How does a seed start to grow?
Topic: Soil. Question: What lives in garden soil?
Topic: Garden bugs. Question: Which bugs help garden plants?

For Part 3, accept any interest besides owls with three distinct, related topics and a research question that fits each topic. Students do not need to know the answers to their questions.