Find Your Next Read

Choose books that fit your interests and your purpose.

7.RL.10.b "Self-select texts for personal enjoyment, interest, and academic tasks."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one detail that could help Nia choose a bus-ride book, circle one detail that connects a book to her interests, and write 1 beside a detail useful for her class assignment.

Two Books to Borrow

1 On Thursday, Nia visited the library with two plans. She wanted a book for the bus ride home, and she needed a novel for a class assignment: explain how a story's setting shapes a character's choice. The first shelf held *The Clockwork Crow*, a short mystery about a bird-shaped machine that steals shiny objects from a museum. Its opening chapter ended with a joke and a missing key. Beside it stood *Harbor in the Dark*. Its first chapter trapped a young sailor on an island as a storm cut off the only ferry.

2 Across the aisle, *Drumbeat Street* caught Nia's eye. It was a novel in verse about a drummer who collected sounds from subway platforms and turned them into songs. Nia played drums after school, but she wondered whether the short lines would give her enough to discuss in class. On the next shelf, *Under the Bleachers* followed a basketball player trying to make friends after moving to a new town. The back cover promised tense games and quiet scenes at home. Nia's cousin Dev loved basketball stories, but Nia usually preferred puzzles.

3 Nia could borrow only two books today. She flipped through each opening instead of judging by its cover. In *Harbor in the Dark*, the sailor had to decide whether to cross a flooded path to reach a radio before nightfall. In *The Clockwork Crow*, a guard found a trail of silver feathers leading into a locked room. Nia checked the page counts: the mystery was 120 pages, the island novel 240, and the other two about 180 each. She took a scrap of paper to list what each book might offer.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. If Nia wants a short, funny mystery for the bus, which book should she select? Give two details that support your choice.

2. Which book gives Nia the clearest example for her setting assignment? Explain how the setting affects a character's choice.

3. If Nia wants to read about something she does after school, which book should she select? What detail shows the match?

4. Imagine you share Dev's reading taste. Which book would you select for enjoyment, and what story detail might interest you?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Name a real book you would select for personal enjoyment and explain which feature matches your taste. For a school task about how setting shapes choices, describe a different kind of book you would seek and one clue you would check before choosing it.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one detail that could help Nia choose a bus-ride book, circle one detail that connects a book to her interests, and write 1 beside a detail useful for her class assignment. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If Nia wants a short, funny mystery for the bus, which book should she select? Give two details that support your choice.	***The Clockwork Crow*. It is a 120-page mystery, and its opening chapter ends with a joke.**
2	Which book gives Nia the clearest example for her setting assignment? Explain how the setting affects a character's choice.	***Harbor in the Dark*. A storm cuts off the island's ferry, and the flooded path makes the sailor decide whether to cross it to reach a radio.**
3	If Nia wants to read about something she does after school, which book should she select? What detail shows the match?	***Drumbeat Street*. Nia plays drums, and the book is about a drummer who turns collected sounds into songs.**
4	Imagine you share Dev's reading taste. Which book would you select for enjoyment, and what story detail might interest you?	***Under the Bleachers*. Dev loves basketball stories, and the book follows a basketball player and promises tense games.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would choose *The Lightning Thief* for enjoyment because I like funny adventures with mythical creatures. For the school task, I would seek a survival novel set in a harsh place. I would read the opening pages to check whether that place forces a character to make a difficult choice.

Accept selections supported by specific details from the passage. For the open task, look for a personal preference, a separate academic purpose, and a practical clue the student would check before selecting a book.