

Purpose Detective

Set a reason before you read.

2.6.A “establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number the two sentences that tell Mina's reading purpose. Circle the facts that answer her first purpose.

Beaver Reading Plans

- ① Ms. Lee gave Mina a short article about beavers. Before reading, Mina looked at the title and pictures. She set a purpose: “I will find out why beavers build dams.” This purpose helped her notice important details.
- ② The article explained that a dam slows water and makes a pond. A pond can help protect a beaver's home, called a lodge. Mina underlined these facts because they answered her purpose.
- ③ Later, Mina chose a book about baby beavers. She wanted to learn how beaver parents care for their young. Before she read, she set this new purpose and looked for pages about baby beavers.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What did Mina want to find out before she read the article?

2 Which facts did Mina underline to help answer her first purpose?

3 Why did Mina make a new reading purpose for the book she chose?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose a book or article you want to read. Write its title, your purpose for reading it, and one thing you will look for as you read.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Number the two sentences that tell Mina's reading purpose. Circle the facts that answer her first purpose. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did Mina want to find out before she read the article?	She wanted to find out why beavers build dams.
2	Which facts did Mina underline to help answer her first purpose?	She underlined that dams slow water and make ponds, and that ponds can help protect a beaver's lodge.
3	Why did Mina make a new reading purpose for the book she chose?	She chose a different book and wanted to learn how beaver parents care for their young.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I will read a book called Frogs and Tadpoles. My purpose is to learn how frogs grow, and I will look for information about tadpoles.

Accept any reasonable title, a clear reason for reading, and one detail or type of information the student will look for. The purpose should fit the chosen text.