Beaver Builder Notes

Use details to write comments that show what you understand.

2.7.B "write brief comments on literary or informational texts that demonstrate an understanding of the text;"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one detail in each paragraph that you could use in a comment about how beavers affect their habitat. Number your underlined details 1, 2, and 3.

Beavers Change Water

1. Beavers are busy animals that live near ponds, streams, and lakes. They use their strong teeth to cut small trees and branches. Then they carry the wood to the water, where they build homes called lodges.

2. A beaver can also build a dam across moving water. The dam slows the water and helps make a pond. The pond gives the beaver a safer place to swim, find food, and hide from some enemies.

3. Beavers do not build only for themselves. Their ponds can become homes for frogs, fish, ducks, and insects. When beavers change a stream into a pond, they can change the place where many other animals live.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Write a brief comment that explains how a beaver's teeth help it.

2. Write a brief comment about one way a dam helps a beaver.

3. Write a brief comment about how beaver ponds help other animals.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two brief comments about the passage. In your first sentence, comment on an interesting beaver action. In your second sentence, comment on an important change beavers make, using a different detail.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one detail in each paragraph that you could use in a comment about how beavers affect their habitat. Number your underlined details 1, 2, and 3. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Write a brief comment that explains how a beaver's teeth help it.	**A beaver's strong teeth help it cut wood for its lodge.**
2	Write a brief comment about one way a dam helps a beaver.	**A dam helps a beaver make a safer pond.**
3	Write a brief comment about how beaver ponds help other animals.	**Beaver ponds can become homes for frogs, fish, ducks, and insects.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I think it is interesting that beavers carry wood to the water to make lodges. Changing a stream into a pond can change where many animals live.

Accept brief comments that state an accurate idea from the passage, not just a copied fact. For Part 3, accept two complete comments with different passage details about beaver actions and changes to the habitat.