

Sources Meet My Life

Notice how a reader connects sources to personal experiences.

3.7.A “describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the source in each paragraph, and circle the words that tell about the narrator's own life connection to it.

Three Things I Noticed

- ① On Saturday, I chose a book called River Rescue from the library shelf. In the story, Maya builds a small raft to carry supplies across a flooded creek. I remembered making paper boats with my cousin after a rainy day. My boats sank quickly, but I understood why Maya kept testing new ideas instead of quitting.
- ② Later, I listened to a short podcast about beavers. The speaker explained that beavers use sticks and mud to make dams, which slow moving water. My family once watched beavers near our camping site. We saw branches piled by the pond, and I wondered whether the animals were building a dam like the one in the podcast.
- ③ At school, our class watched a video of workers cleaning trash from a river. I thought about the creek behind my apartment. Last spring, my neighbor and I picked up snack wrappers there with gloves and bags. The video made me feel that our small cleanup mattered, because trash can travel from a creek into a larger river.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What personal experience did the narrator connect to the book River Rescue?

2 How did the narrator's paper boat experience help the narrator understand Maya?

3 How did the podcast about beavers connect to the narrator's camping trip?

4 What personal experience made the narrator feel that cleaning the river mattered?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a book, article, podcast, or video that you picked for yourself. Write three sentences that name the source, describe a personal connection, and explain how the connection helped you think or feel about the source.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the source in each paragraph, and circle the words that tell about the narrator's own life connection to it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What personal experience did the narrator connect to the book <i>River Rescue</i> ?	The narrator remembered making paper boats with a cousin after a rainy day.
2	How did the narrator's paper boat experience help the narrator understand Maya?	The narrator understood why Maya kept testing new ideas instead of quitting.
3	How did the podcast about beavers connect to the narrator's camping trip?	The narrator had seen beavers and branches piled near a pond and wondered if they were building a dam.
4	What personal experience made the narrator feel that cleaning the river mattered?	The narrator and a neighbor had picked up snack wrappers from the creek behind the apartment.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I chose the book *The Wild Robot*. When Roz learned to care for a gosling, I thought about feeding my grandmother's cat while she was away. This connection helped me understand that caring for an animal takes patience every day.

For Questions 1 through 4, accept answers that correctly connect the narrator's experience to the named source. For the open response, accept any self-selected source and a clear, specific personal connection with an explanation of its effect.