

Links to Life

Notice how one reader connects sources to life experiences.

4.7.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 each place where Lena connects a source to something she has seen, done, or wondered. Circle the source that caused each connection.

Lena's Source Connections

- ① On Saturday, Lena visited the library with her cousin. She chose a book about sea turtles because she had seen hatchlings crawl toward the ocean during a family trip to Florida. In the book, she learned that bright lights can confuse baby turtles. Lena remembered how the beach guide had asked visitors to keep flashlights pointed down.
- ② Next, Lena watched a short video from an aquarium. A keeper gently measured a turtle and placed it in a tank. Lena thought of measuring her puppy at the veterinarian's office. Both animals needed calm hands and careful checks. She also noticed that the video showed actions that were harder to picture when she only read about them in the book.
- ③ Before bed, Lena listened as her grandfather read a news article about volunteers cleaning a river. She remembered joining her class to pick up litter near the playground last spring. The article made her wonder where the water from street drains goes after rain. Lena wrote that question on a sticky note so she could ask her teacher on Monday.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What memory from Lena's life helped her connect with the sea turtle book?

2 How did Lena connect the aquarium video to her own life? Include two details.

3 What experience did Lena connect to the news article about river cleaning?

4 After the news article reminded Lena of her class activity, what new question did she have, and what did she plan to do with it?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a book, article, video, podcast, or other source that you selected yourself. Write exactly three sentences: name the source, describe a specific connection to your life, and explain one thought, feeling, or question it gave you.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each place where Lena connects a source to something she has seen, done, or wondered. Circle the source that caused each connection. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What memory from Lena's life helped her connect with the sea turtle book?	She remembered seeing turtle hatchlings during her family's trip to Florida.
2	How did Lena connect the aquarium video to her own life? Include two details.	The video reminded her of measuring her puppy at the veterinarian's office. She noticed that both animals needed calm hands and careful checks.
3	What experience did Lena connect to the news article about river cleaning?	She connected it to picking up litter near the playground with her class last spring.
4	After the news article reminded Lena of her class activity, what new question did she have, and what did she plan to do with it?	She wondered where water from street drains goes after rain, and she planned to ask her teacher on Monday.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I chose an article called "Why Bees Visit Flowers." It connected to the bees I watch near my grandmother's garden. I wondered which flowers in her garden give bees the most nectar.

Accept answers that accurately identify Lena's personal experiences, memories, or questions connected to each source. For Part 3, accept any self-selected source and a clear, specific personal connection in exactly three sentences.