

Mission Matters

Set a purpose and track the details that matter.

8.5.A "establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the words in paragraphs 2 and 3 that state Darius's purpose for reading. Then underline two details he should focus on for each purpose.

Rebuilding a Harbor Reef

- ① On the edge of Baltimore Harbor, volunteers are rebuilding oyster reefs, clusters of oysters that once covered much of the bay floor. Adult oysters attach to hard surfaces and filter water as they feed. A single oyster can filter many gallons in a day, though the exact amount changes with temperature and size. Reefs also create shelter for fish and crabs. Pollution, disease, and heavy harvesting caused oyster populations in Chesapeake Bay to fall sharply during the twentieth century.
- ② Ms. Ramos assigns her class a report about a proposed reef project near a public beach. Their task is to decide whether the project could improve water quality without creating problems for boat traffic. Before reading, Darius writes that he needs evidence about the project's benefits and limits. He pays close attention to the report's map, which shows shallow areas closed to large boats, and its data table comparing water-cloudiness readings before and after smaller reef projects. He skips a long paragraph describing the history of seafood restaurants.
- ③ Later, Darius chooses an article about people who raise baby oysters in cages beneath neighborhood docks. He is considering joining the volunteer program, so his purpose is different from the class assignment. He wants to learn what training, equipment, and weekly time the work requires. He scans the article's headings for Getting Started and Care Schedule, then reads those sections closely. He does not need every scientific detail about oyster reproduction, but he may return to it if he wants to understand the animals better.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What is Darius's purpose for reading the assigned report?

2 Which two facts from paragraph 1 would be most useful for deciding whether a reef project could improve the harbor? Explain why.

3 Why does Darius study the report's map as part of his assigned reading purpose?

4 How does Darius change his reading approach when he reads the self-selected article?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a self-selected article, book chapter, or credible webpage you could read. In exactly three sentences, state a specific purpose, name two kinds of details or text features you would mark, and explain how those marks would help you meet your purpose.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle the words in paragraphs 2 and 3 that state Darius's purpose for reading. Then underline two details he should focus on for each purpose. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is Darius's purpose for reading the assigned report?	To find evidence about whether the proposed reef project could improve water quality without causing problems for boat traffic.
2	Which two facts from paragraph 1 would be most useful for deciding whether a reef project could improve the harbor? Explain why.	Oysters filter water, and reefs provide shelter for fish and crabs. These facts show possible benefits of rebuilding reefs.
3	Why does Darius study the report's map as part of his assigned reading purpose?	The map shows shallow areas closed to large boats, so it provides evidence about possible effects on boat traffic.
4	How does Darius change his reading approach when he reads the self-selected article?	He focuses on training, equipment, and time requirements, scans the headings Getting Started and Care Schedule, and does not focus on every scientific detail.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I chose a city website article about safe routes for biking to school. My purpose is to decide whether biking would be a practical way for me to travel to school twice a week. I would mark the route map and information about crossing guards because they show distance, traffic, and safety.

Accept any specific, realistic reading purpose tied to the chosen text. The response should name two relevant details or text features and clearly explain how they support the stated purpose.