Pond Clue Hunt

Use details from a text to support your thinking.

2.DSR.C "When responding to text through discussion and/or writing, draw several pieces of evidence from read-alouds and grade-level texts to support claims, conclusions, and inferences..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline three details that show how the beaver changes or uses the pond. Write 1, 2, or 3 beside each detail to show which paragraph it is in.

The Beaver's Pond

1. On a quiet pond, a beaver carried branches in its teeth. It pushed mud around the branches near the water's edge. Soon, the water behind the pile became deeper and calmer.

2. At dusk, Maya watched the beaver swim to a small lodge made of sticks. It slipped through an underwater opening. Inside, the beaver stayed dry while rain tapped the pond.

3. The next morning, Maya saw the beaver add fresh branches to the pile. A duck floated in the deep water nearby. Maya thought the beaver's work changed the pond and helped make a safe home.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What conclusion can you make about why the beaver piled branches and mud? Write your conclusion and two details that support it. Include the paragraph number for each detail.

2. Paraphrase one detail that shows the lodge protects the beaver from rain. Tell which paragraph has the detail.

3. What two details support the claim that the beaver changed the pond? Quote or paraphrase each detail and include its paragraph number.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences. Make a claim about whether the pond is useful to more than one animal, then support your claim with two details and paragraph numbers.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline three details that show how the beaver changes or uses the pond. Write 1, 2, or 3 beside each detail to show which paragraph it is in. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What conclusion can you make about why the beaver piled branches and mud? Write your conclusion and two details that support it. Include the paragraph number for each detail.	**The beaver piled branches and mud to make deeper, calmer water and a safe home. Evidence may include that the water behind the pile became deeper and calmer (paragraph 1) and that the beaver stayed dry in its lodge during rain (paragraph 2).**
2	Paraphrase one detail that shows the lodge protects the beaver from rain. Tell which paragraph has the detail.	**The beaver went into its lodge and stayed dry while it rained. Paragraph 2.**
3	What two details support the claim that the beaver changed the pond? Quote or paraphrase each detail and include its paragraph number.	**The beaver pushed mud around branches, and the water behind the pile became deeper and calmer (paragraph 1). The next morning, the beaver added fresh branches to the pile (paragraph 3).**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I think the pond is useful to more than one animal. The beaver stayed dry in its lodge, and a duck floated in the deep water (paragraphs 2 and 3).

Accept accurate quotes or paraphrases that support the student's claim and name the correct paragraph. For the open task, accept a reasonable claim if both details are relevant evidence from the passage.