Beaver Builder Clues

Read for facts, opinions, and key details.

2.RI.1 "Key Ideas and Confirming Details Ask and answer literal and inferential questions (who, what, where, when, how, and why) about key details in a text..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline facts, circle the opinion, and number three details that explain how beavers make safe homes.

Beavers Build Near Water

1. Beavers are large rodents that live near ponds, streams, and rivers. They have wide, flat tails and webbed back feet. A beaver uses its sharp front teeth to cut branches from trees.

2. Beavers pile branches, mud, and stones across moving water to make dams. A dam slows the water and can form a pond. The pond gives beavers a safer place to build their homes, called lodges.

3. Inside a lodge, beavers rest and care for their young. The entrance is often under water, which helps keep some animals out. In my opinion, beavers are clever builders because they change a stream into a pond.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does a beaver pile across moving water to make a dam?

2. Why is a lodge entrance often under water?

3. Which sentence in the passage is an opinion? How can you tell?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three sentences about the passage. Write one sentence telling the main topic, one sentence with two key details, and one sentence with your own opinion about beavers. Label your opinion sentence "Opinion."

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline facts, circle the opinion, and number three details that explain how beavers make safe homes. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does a beaver pile across moving water to make a dam?	**A beaver piles branches, mud, and stones across moving water.**
2	Why is a lodge entrance often under water?	**It helps keep some animals out.**
3	Which sentence in the passage is an opinion? How can you tell?	**"In my opinion, beavers are clever builders because they change a stream into a pond." It is an opinion because it says "In my opinion" and calls beavers clever.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Beavers are animals that build homes near water. They use branches, mud, and stones to make dams, and dams can form ponds. I think beavers are interesting because they build dams. Opinion.

Accept accurate main-topic statements about beavers building near water and using dams and lodges. For the opinion, accept any reasonable personal view that is clearly labeled and written as an opinion.