Beaver Pond Points

Compare important ideas in two texts about beaver ponds.

2.RI.3.B "Compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two details that show the most important point of Text 1. Circle two details that show the most important point of Text 2, so you can compare what each text teaches about beaver ponds.

Beavers and Their Ponds

1. Text 1, Beavers at Work: Beavers use their strong teeth to cut small trees and branches. They pile wood, stones, and mud across a stream. This dam slows the water and begins to make a pond.

2. Near the pond, beavers build a lodge from branches and mud. The lodge has an underwater door, which helps keep beavers safer from animals that hunt them. Deep water around the lodge also gives the beavers a place to swim.

3. Text 2, A Busy Beaver Pond: A beaver pond can help many living things. Frogs may lay eggs in quiet water, and ducks may rest there. The pond can also hold water during dry times, giving animals a place to drink.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is the most important point of Text 1? Write one detail that supports your answer.

2. What is the most important point of Text 2? Write one detail that supports your answer.

3. How are the important points in the two texts alike and different?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Give each text a new title that tells its most important point. Then write one sentence that tells how your titles show the texts are different.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two details that show the most important point of Text 1. Circle two details that show the most important point of Text 2, so you can compare what each text teaches about beaver ponds. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the most important point of Text 1? Write one detail that supports your answer.	**Text 1 explains that beavers build dams and lodges to make a safer pond home. One supporting detail is that the lodge has an underwater door.**
2	What is the most important point of Text 2? Write one detail that supports your answer.	**Text 2 explains that beaver ponds help many living things. One supporting detail is that frogs may lay eggs in the quiet water.**
3	How are the important points in the two texts alike and different?	**Both texts are about beaver ponds. Text 1 focuses on how beavers make a safe home, while Text 2 focuses on how the pond helps other animals.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Text 1: A Beaver Builds a Safe Home. Text 2: A Pond Helps Many Animals. The first title focuses on a beaver's home, but the second title focuses on other animals using the pond.

Accept equivalent main ideas supported by accurate details from the correct text. For Question 3 and Part 3, look for both texts being about beaver ponds and a clear difference in their important points.