Beavers Change Streams

Use text evidence to explain how one animal changes its habitat.

2.RI "The student will use textual evidence to demonstrate and build knowledge from a variety of grade level complex informational texts heard or read. Key Ideas and Confirming Details Ask and answer literal and inferential questions (who, what..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two facts that tell how a beaver dam changes a stream. Circle the opinion, then use your marks to help you answer questions about the text.

A Beaver's Pond

1. Beavers live near streams, where they use branches, mud, and stones to build dams. A dam slows moving water. Water gathers behind the dam and forms a pond. Beavers often build their homes, called lodges, in these ponds.

2. The pond may give beavers a safer place to live because water can keep some land animals away from the lodge. It also changes the stream. Some fish, frogs, and insects can use the quieter water as a home.

3. Over time, plants may grow along the pond's edge. These plants can give animals food and cover. A beaver pond is an amazing place to watch. The pond can become a habitat for many living things.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What three materials do beavers use to build dams?

2. Why might a frog live in a beaver pond? Use a detail from the text.

3. What is the author's main purpose for writing this text?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences explaining how beavers can affect other living things near a stream. Use two facts from the text in your explanation.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.RI

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two facts that tell how a beaver dam changes a stream. Circle the opinion, then use your marks to help you answer questions about the text. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What three materials do beavers use to build dams?	**Branches, mud, and stones.**
2	Why might a frog live in a beaver pond? Use a detail from the text.	**A frog might live there because the pond has quieter water that frogs can use as a home.**
3	What is the author's main purpose for writing this text?	**The author wants to explain how beavers build dams and how the dams change a stream into a habitat.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Beavers change a stream by building a dam that slows the water and forms a pond. The quieter pond can become a home for fish, frogs, insects, and other living things.

Accept answers that use accurate details from the passage to explain an effect of a beaver dam. For the marking task, students should underline any two relevant dam-and-stream facts and circle "A beaver pond is an amazing place to watch."