

NON-FICTION

COMPREHENSION PASSAGES

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Traveling Westward

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Highlight in yellow the part of the text that states what the railroad allowed people to do that they couldn't do before.

Highlight in blue the part of the text that states what the railroad was a vast improvement from.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

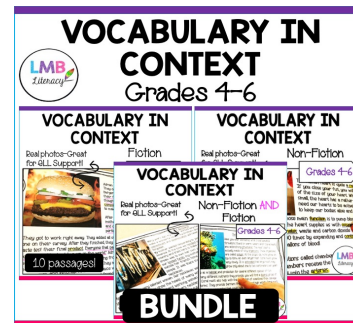
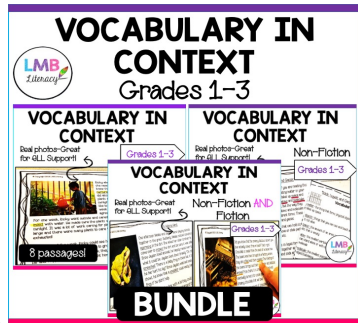
If you were a small business, how would you benefit from the transcontinental railroad?

Restate the Question	If I were a small business I would benefit greatly from the transcontinental railroad.
Answer the Question	Finally, I would be able to ship my goods across the country. This would increase sales and production!
Cite Evidence from the text	In the text it says "businesses were finding opportunity to grow and profit in ways they never dreamed possible."
Explain Your answer	This means, I would be able to expand and grow my business in new areas.

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R.A.C.E. STRATEGY



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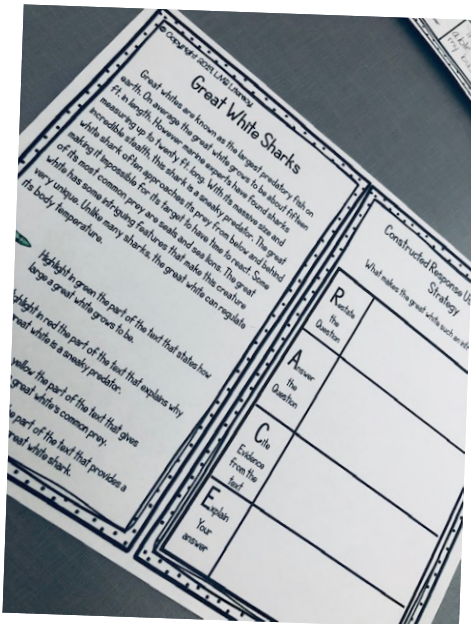
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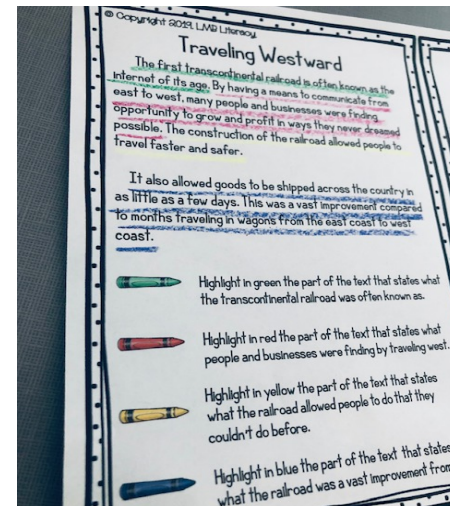
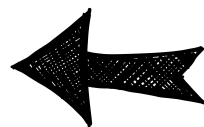
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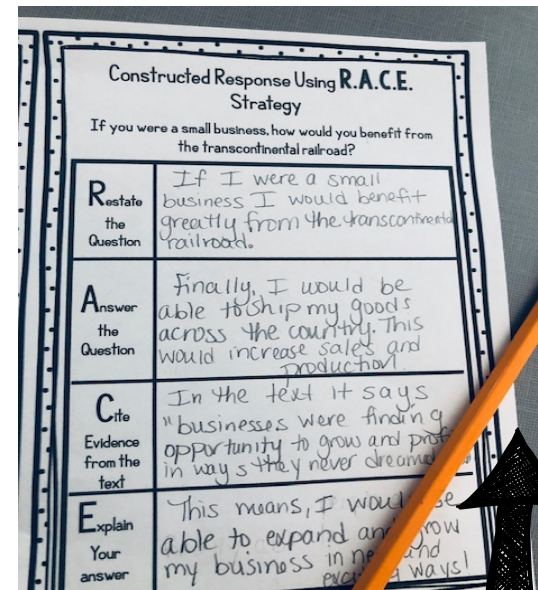
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25 Non Fiction Passages about many different interesting topics!



Students will highlight specific evidence in the passage.



Then, students can answer a response question based on what they read!

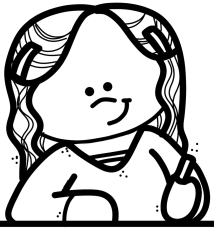


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Traveling Westward

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Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

If you were a small business, how would you benefit from the transcontinental railroad?

R estate the Question	
A nswer the Question	
C ite Evidence from the text	
E xplain Your answer	

Sunflowers

The sunflower is the perfect flower of September. Sunflowers like to bloom in late summer and early fall. They love to soak up the sun, and can grow to astonishing heights. Some have been known to grow over twenty-five feet tall. Historically, sunflowers have been used for cooking, medicine, beauty, and more! There are actually two types of sunflower seeds. Sunflower oil made for cooking is from a black seed within the flower. Snack type foods are made of the striped sunflower seed. Aside from sunflower seeds being a tasty snack, this flower is a symbol of cheerfulness and happiness.



Highlight in green the part of the text that states when sunflowers like to bloom.



Highlight in red the part of the text that lists what sunflowers have been used for in history.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that states how tall a sunflower can get.



Highlight in blue the part of the text that explains the two different types of sunflower seeds.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

What types of benefits do sunflowers provide for people?

R estate the Question	
A nswer the Question	
C ite Evidence from the text	
E xplain Your answer	

Our Largest Organ

Our skin is actually the largest organ of the human body. Most of our skin is around 2mm thick. However, it can be thicker or thinner depending on the part of our body. For example, our eyelids have much thinner skin than the bottom of our feet! Your skin protects you from germs and bacteria. It keeps the bad stuff out, and the good stuff in! It also plays an important role in our senses. Our skin uses receptor cells to send information to the brain when something feels smooth, hot, cold, or causes us pain. Our skin also helps us control our body temperature. When it is too hot, our body sweats to cool us off. When we are too cold, our blood vessels narrow to help keep us warm.



Highlight in green the part of the text that states what our skin is protecting us from.



Highlight in red the part of the text that discusses how our skin controls our body temperature.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that states how our skin protects us.



Highlight in blue the part of the text that states how thick our skin is.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

How does our skin protect us?

R estate the Question	
A nswer the Question	
C ite Evidence from the text	
E xplain Your answer	

Tsunamis

Tsunamis are large waves that are usually caused as the aftermath of an earthquake or volcanic eruption. The abrupt movement in the ocean floor, causes waves to form in the middle of the ocean. These are known as "seismic waves." As the wave travels towards shore, it begins to gain its massive height. Most tsunamis occur in the Pacific Ocean. This is due to the fact that it is known as Earth's "ring of Fire," or the area where most tectonic shifts occur such as volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. Once the lowest part of the wave hits, it creates a vacuum effect. When this happens, the sea water retreats back, exposing the bare sea floor. This is warning that the tsunami will hit shore.



Highlight in green the part of the text that states the definition of a tsunami.



Highlight in red the part of the text that describes what "seismic waves" are.



Highlight the part of the text that describes what happens when the lowest part of the wave hits.



Highlight in blue the part of the text that explains why most tsunamis occur in the Pacific Ocean.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

What are tsunamis and how are they formed?

R Restate the Question	
A Answer the Question	
C Cite Evidence from the text	
E Explain Your answer	

Going Green

One way people can "go green" is to use energy more efficiently especially in their homes. Purchasing light bulbs for your home that use less energy is a simple way to start the process. Also, being sure to turn off lights on all electronic devices when they are not in use. Some people are putting solar panels on the roofs of their homes. These panels will absorb the sun which will then be converted into energy. This is the cleanest most efficient way to save energy in your home. Other things you can do are recycle bottles, cans, and paper. You can also choose to walk or ride your bike, carpool, or use public transportation.



Highlight in green the part of the text that describes the most efficient way to save energy in your home.



Highlight in red the part of the text that explains what solar panels do for the home.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that explains what it means to "go green."



Highlight in blue the part of the text that states some things you can recycle to help our environment.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

How does "going green" help our environment?

R estate the Question	
A nswer the Question	
C ite Evidence from the text	
E xplain Your answer	

Venus

Venus is the brightest planet in our Solar System. With the sun at the center, Venus is the closest planet to our home planet, Earth. Quite different from it's fellow planets that orbit the sun in an oval, Venus orbits the sun in a perfect circle. It takes Venus 225 days to orbit the sun one time. Known as retrograde rotation, Venus orbits in the opposite direction of the other planets in our Solar System. However, Venus does share some similarities to our home planet, Earth. Known as Earth's "twin," Venus and Earth are very similar in size. Both planets have a thick layer of melted rock around the center, and an outer layer of solid rock.



Highlight in green the part of the text that describes the direction in which Venus orbits the sun.



Highlight in red the part of the text that states how long it takes Venus to orbit the sun.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that states which other planet shares similarities with Venus.



Highlight in blue the part of the text that describes the similarities between Venus and Earth.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

What are some interesting facts about Venus?

R estate the Question	
A nswer the Question	
C ite Evidence from the text	
E xplain Your answer	

Tropical Rainforests

Tropical rainforests are Earth's largest biome. While these rainforests reach very hot temperatures, tropical rainforests typically do not exceed the temperatures of drier places to the north and south of the equator.

Much of the rainforest is covered with clouds and only sees sunshine between the hours of four and six. While the temperatures may not reach extreme highs, the air is thick and humid due to the high amount of rainfall. Many animals adapt to the warm and wet conditions of the rainforest.



Highlight in green the part of the text that states what Earth's largest Biome is.



Highlight in red the part of the text that describes the comparison between the rainforest and drier places north and south of the equator.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that states when a rainforest will typically see sunshine.



Highlight in blue the part of the text that answers why the rainforest air is thick and humid.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

What is the weather like in a tropical rainforest?

R estate the Question	
A nswer the Question	
C ite Evidence from the text	
E xplain Your answer	

Honest Abe

Abraham Lincoln was born in rural Kentucky in 1809. His family struggled financially, therefore he helped support his family by working at a young age. While he worked, he educated himself to read and write.

As a self taught man, Abraham Lincoln eventually devoted his studies to law. His time practicing law, earned him the title of "Honest Abe." In 1860, Abraham Lincoln won the presidential election and was inaugurated in March of 1861. The south strongly disagreed with many of Lincoln's political views.



Highlight in green the part of the text that states where Lincoln was born.



Highlight in red the part of the text that explains why Lincoln had to work at a young age.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that states when Lincoln earned the title "Honest Abe."



Highlight in blue the part of the text that tells when Lincoln was officially named president of the United States.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

How did Abraham Lincoln come to be president?

R estate the Question	
A nswer the Question	
C ite Evidence from the text	
E xplain Your answer	

Colonial America

Colonial America is the time period in which small groups of people came to North America to settle and begin new lives. About four hundred years ago, settlers came from various countries such as Spain, England, France, Holland, and Sweden. These settlers who came to establish this new world were known as colonists.

These settlements grew into towns. The colonies began to spread as farmers became wealthy by growing crops on plantations. Word spread fast that there were new opportunities, and this led to thousands of new settlers coming to claim land and start a new life. The thirteen colonies formed, which would later become the first thirteen states.



Highlight in green the part of the text that explains the definition of Colonial America.



Highlight in red the part of the text that explains who the colonists were.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that explains how colonies began to spread.



Highlight in blue the part of the text that explains how new opportunities led to new settlers coming to America.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

How did the colonies of America form and grow?

R estate the Question	
A nswer the Question	
C ite Evidence from the text	
E xplain Your answer	

The Underground Railroad

The Underground Railroad was not actually underground, or even a railroad. Rather, it was a network of people and homes that hid fugitive slaves along their escape to freedom to the north. The system used railroad terms in order to maintain its secrecy. The people leading the slaves were known as "conductors." The homes hiding slaves were known as "stations."

Many people felt slavery was wrong and immoral and therefore did their part to help slaves regain freedom. Others, such as Harriet Tubman, were former slaves themselves who came back to help others escape.



Highlight in green the part of the text that gives the definition of The Underground Railroad.



Highlight in red the part of the text that describes who the "conductors" were.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that explains what "stations" were.



Highlight in blue the part of the text that explains how many felt about slavery at this time.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

What was The Underground Railroad and how did it work?

R estate the Question	
A nswer the Question	
C ite Evidence from the text	
E xplain Your answer	

Coral Reef

Coral reefs are astonishing structures. The reef itself is actually made of tiny organisms. These organisms are called polyps. As the polyps die, more grow on top to form an even larger reef. Coral reefs grow very slowly. It is estimated that large reefs may grow only about one to two centimeters per year! Coral reefs serve as a habitat and protection for several different species of fish. Because of the many different nutrients they provide, you will find a diverse group of fish living there. Coral reefs also help with the protection of coastlines from damage during tropical storms.



Highlight in green the part of the text that tells what the reef is actually made of.



Highlight in red the part of the text that discusses how reefs grow.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that answers why a diverse group of fish live in coral reefs.



Highlight in blue the part of the text that explains what coral reefs can protect.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

What are a few interesting facts about coral reefs?

Restate
the
Question

Answer
the
Question

Cite
Evidence
from the
text

Explain
Your
answer

Global Warming

Global Warming is used to describe the rising of our Earth's temperature. It is different than day to day weather. Global Warming looks at studies of climate change over many years. Scientists are seeing a pattern of warmer temperatures that are having a direct impact on our environment. Many scientists believe that this is due to "The Greenhouse Effect." Picture Earth to be a giant greenhouse. The greenhouse lets in sunlight which heats the ground. The heat cannot escape due to the "walls" which are carbon gases. These gases are generally caused from pollution from cars, trucks, and buildings which are emitting harmful chemicals into the air.



Highlight in green the part of the text that tells what Global Warming is used to describe.



Highlight in red the part of the text that tells what scientists are seeing a pattern of.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that explains what scientists believe the warming is being caused by.



Highlight in blue the part of the text that explains what "The Greenhouse Effect" is.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

What is Global Warming?

R estate the Question	
A nswer the Question	
C ite Evidence from the text	
E xplain Your answer	

Our Amazing Eyes

Our eyes have many components that work together to help us see. When we look at something, we are actually looking at light that is reflected off an object. The light rays bounce off objects and reflect into our eyes! Two of the most amazing parts of the eye organ are the pupil and iris.

That tiny black dot in the middle of our eye is called our pupil. The colored part around our eye is the iris, which is actually a muscle. With the help of the iris, if light is too bright, the pupil will constrict, to let in less light. When it is dark, the iris will open the pupil so more light can get in.



Highlight in green that part of the text that describes what we are actually looking at when we are looking at something.



Highlight in red the part of the text that states the two most important parts of the eye.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that states what the tiny dot in the middle of our eye is called.



Highlight in blue the part of the text that explains how the iris helps us see light and dark.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

What are some components of the eye and how do they work?

R estate the Question	
A nswer the Question	
C ite Evidence from the text	
E xplain Your answer	

Volcanoes

Volcanoes are openings in the Earth's crust where hot liquid rock, also known as magma, erupts to the surface. There are three different types of volcanoes; active, dormant, and extinct. Active volcanoes are in the process of erupting, or have recently erupted. A dormant volcano has not erupted in a long time but still has the potential to erupt. Scientists believe an extinct volcano will never erupt again. When an active or dormant volcano erupt, the magma that eventually pushes through to the surface is called lava. Hot, thin, lava will flow farther.



Highlight in green the part of the text that describes the definition of a volcano.



Highlight in red the part of the text that states the three different types of volcanoes.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that describes what a dormant volcano is.



Highlight in blue the part of the text that explains what happens when an active or dormant volcano erupt.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

What are the different types of volcanoes and what happens when one erupts?

R estate the Question	
A nswer the Question	
C ite Evidence from the text	
E xplain Your answer	

Magnetism

Did you know that Earth is actually one giant magnet? The Earth's core is made mostly of iron. On the outer portion of the core is liquid iron which spins to make our Earth magnetic. This is precisely why we have north and south poles. The Earth's magnetism helps a compass gauge direction, animals migrate, and protects us from the sun's solar wind and radiation. Magnets contain unique properties. Usually an object will contain electrons which spin in random directions. These electrons will eventually cancel each other out. However, the atoms in a magnet are uniquely formed so that the electrons are spinning in the same direction.



Highlight in green the part of the text that says what Earth actually is.



Highlight in red the part of the text that describes the Earth's core.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that states what Earth's magnetism helps with.



Highlight in blue the part of the text that explains how electrons play a role in magnetism.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

Why is Earth considered to be a giant magnet?

R estate the Question	
A nswer the Question	
C ite Evidence from the text	
E xplain Your answer	

Staying Healthy

It is important to be sure you are getting all of the food groups into your diet. Not having too many sugary sweets and drinks is a great start. Be sure to eat nutrient rich foods with protein such as spinach and chicken. You should be drinking half of your body weight in water. If you are 80 pounds, drinking 40 oz of water a day should be your goal!

Exercising is another important way to stay healthy. Playing sports is a great way to include exercise into your weekly routine. Experts recommend three days of activity that brings your heart rate up. Jog, ride your bike, or do some jumping jacks in your yard. Just be sure to keep that body moving!



Highlight in green the part of the text that says what a good start to a healthy diet is.



Highlight in red the two examples of nutrient rich foods.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that states how much water you should be drinking.



Highlight in blue the part of that text that states what experts recommend for exercising.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

What are some ways you can live a healthy life?

R estate the Question	
A nswer the Question	
C ite Evidence from the text	
E xplain Your answer	

Our Solar System

Our Solar system is very complex! If you want to paint a picture in your mind of what it looks like, start with the sun at the very center. Then picture planets, and other objects such as asteroids, orbiting around the sun.

Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars are closest to the sun and they are known as terrestrial planets. These planets have a hard, rocky, surface. The farthest planets from the sun are Jupiter, Uranus, Saturn, and Neptune. These planets are known as gas giants because they are made up of mostly hydrogen.



Highlight in green the part of the text that describes how the solar system is designed.



Highlight in red the part of the text that describes the planets that are closest to the sun.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that describes the planets farthest from the sun.



Highlight in blue the part of the text that explains why the furthestmost planets are known as gas giants.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

What makes up our solar system?

R estate the Question	
A nswer the Question	
C ite Evidence from the text	
E xplain Your answer	

Solids, Liquids, and Gasses

Matter is all around us. In fact, if you are reading this on a piece of paper, you are holding matter in your hands! Matter is any object that takes up space and has mass. Matter is made up of atoms and molecules. These molecules do not change, but the way they move around does. When the atoms and molecules of matter change, it can take different forms. These three forms are solids, liquids, and gasses. An example of water in solid form is ice. Solids are anything that can hold its own shape. Its particles are packed together tightly and do not move or slide past each other. Other examples of solids are books, bottles, furniture, etc. Particles in liquids are not packed together as tightly and are able to move and slide around past each other. Milk, juice, and soda are examples of liquids.



Highlight in green the part of the text that states the definition of matter.



Highlight in red the part of the text that states what matter is made up of.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that gives an example of a solid.



Highlight in blue the part of the text that gives an example of a liquid.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

What are the three forms of matter?

R estate the Question	
A nswer the Question	
C ite Evidence from the text	
E xplain Your answer	

Tornadoes

Have you ever seen those funneling winds that can sweep through entire cities? These dangerous storms are known as tornadoes. Tornadoes are formed after a thunderstorm. The United States is home to many tornadoes every year.

"Tornado Alley" is hit with the most destruction. This is a group of states where tornadoes are most common. Tornado Alley includes South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Northern Texas, and Eastern Colorado. The funneling winds of a tornado can grow to be 660 ft wide and up to 70 miles per hour in speed!



Highlight in green the part of the text that states when a tornado is formed.



Highlight in red the part of the text that states the name of the place with the most destruction.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that tells which states are part of "Tornado Alley."



Highlight in blue the part of the text that states how wide and fast a tornado can be.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

What makes a tornado dangerous?

R estate the Question	
A nswer the Question	
C ite Evidence from the text	
E xplain Your answer	

Recycling

Imagine how much we could save our environment if we were sure to recycle when disposing of our garbage. It is important to know what to recycle and to be sure to remember every time we throw away a piece of trash. The most commonly recycled items are aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and paper.

The recycling symbol has three arrows and each arrow has a special meaning. The first arrow is the first step which is to collect all the materials that need to be recycled. The second arrow is for processing the materials to make new things. The last step is for consumers to buy the new products from recycled materials.



Highlight in green the part of the text that states the most commonly recycled items.



Highlight in red the part of the text that explains what the first arrow on the recycling symbol means.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that explains what the second arrow on the recycling symbol means.



Highlight in blue the part of the text that explains what the third arrow on the recycling symbol means.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

Why is it important to recycle our trash?

R estate the Question	
A nswer the Question	
C ite Evidence from the text	
E xplain Your answer	

Bottlenose Dolphins

Bottlenose dolphins are intriguing mammals. It is no wonder many people love to swim with them and watch their many tricks!

Bottlenose dolphins travel in groups called pods. Not all pods migrate. Some prefer to stay in one area or territory. These specific dolphins live in tropical temperate oceans around the world. Bottlenose dolphins can reach speeds over 30 km an hour and dive as deep as 250 meters below the surface. Full of many acrobatic tricks, these dolphins can jump out of the water up to five meters!



Highlight in green the part of the text that states how bottlenose dolphins travel.



Highlight in red the part of the text that explains what kind of temperatures bottlenose dolphins prefer to live in.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that explains how fast and deep bottlenose dolphins can swim.



Highlight in blue the part of the text that states one acrobatic trick a bottlenose dolphin can do.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

What are some interesting facts about bottlenose dolphins?

Restate
the
Question

Answer
the
Question

Cite
Evidence
from the
text

Explain
Your
answer

Deserts

Imagine yourself sitting on a sand dune. The sun is beating down, there is little water, and the soil beneath your feet is hot and dry. The sand stretches for miles and it seems so does the heat. These are all characteristics of a desert. Deserts get very little rain; usually ten or less inches a year. Since desert grounds are not very insulated, they do not often hold the heat when the sun goes down. This means many deserts are actually rather cold at nighttime! Animals need to adapt to the heat and lack of water to be able to survive. Many animals of the desert are nocturnal, which means they will sleep during the day when it is hottest, and come out at night.



Highlight in green the part of the text that describes what it is like to live in a desert.



Highlight in red the part of the text that explains how much rainfall deserts get.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that describes the temperature of deserts at night.



Highlight in blue the part of the text that states why animals are nocturnal in the desert.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

What would it be like to visit a desert?

Restate
the
Question

Answer
the
Question

Cite
Evidence
from the
text

Explain
Your
answer

Endangered Animals

Endangered animals are animals who are likely to soon become extinct. There are many reasons for why this may happen. Sadly, one reason some animals become endangered can be the effects of humans. Many animals are hunted not only for food but for possessions such as leather and furs. Pollution is another way animals can become endangered. Many fish and other species swallow these harmful materials causing them to become sick and die. When one species dies, other species are in danger as well. Climate change can also affect many animals' feeding patterns as well as their habitats. Loss of habitat is a major threat to animals. If their homes are destroyed, they cannot thrive.



Highlight in green the part of the text that defines what an endangered animal is.



Highlight in red the part of the text that explains an example of how humans can be responsible for endangering animals.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that explains how pollution can affect animals.



Highlight in blue the part of the text that discusses how climate change can endanger animals.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

What are two ways animals are becoming endangered?

R estate the Question	
A nswer the Question	
C ite Evidence from the text	
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Honeybees

Honeybees are a very intelligent species. They are hard workers and play an important role in nature. Honey bees help pollinate flowers, fruits, and vegetables. They bring pollen between male and female parts of the plant to help them grow seeds and fruit. There are three types of bees that live in a hive; the queen, the workers, and the drones. Queen honey bees stay in the hive and keep charge. She is the one who will lay the eggs and create future honey bees. In the summer months, the queen bee can lay up to 2,500 eggs a day! Drones are male bees and are responsible for mating with the queen. The worker bees are female and have a very important role. They go out and seek nectar and pollen from flowers, pollinate plants, and build and protect the hive.



Highlight in green the part of the text that explains examples of what honeybees pollinate.



Highlight in red the part of the text that explains where honeybees bring pollen and why.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that explains what the queen honeybee does.



Highlight in blue the part of the text that explains what the drones and worker bees are responsible for.

Constructed Response Using R.A.C.E. Strategy

What are the different roles of honeybees?

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Great White Sharks

Great whites are known as the largest predatory fish on Earth. On average the great white grows to be about fifteen ft. in length. However marine experts have found sharks measuring up to twenty ft. long. With its massive size and incredible stealth, this shark is a sneaky predator. The great white shark often approaches its prey from below and behind making it impossible for its target to have time to react. Some of its most common prey are seals and sea lions. The great white has some intriguing features that make this creature very unique. Unlike many sharks, the great white can regulate its body temperature.



Highlight in green the part of the text that states how large a great white grows to be.



Highlight in red the part of the text that explains why the great white is a sneaky predator.



Highlight in yellow the part of the text that gives examples of a great white's common prey.



Highlight in blue the part of the text that provides a unique feature of a great white shark.

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What makes the great white such an intriguing fish?

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