Main Idea and Key Details

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

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1. Rainforests are warm, wet places full of life.
   Forests are important.
   Rainforests are cold and dry.
   Many animals live in the trees.

Penguins

Penguins are birds that cannot fly. They use their wings to swim fast in the sea. Their feathers keep them warm and dry. They eat fish and krill.

2. Penguins fly south each winter.
   Penguins use their wings to swim fast.
   Birds live in many places.
   Penguins are birds that swim instead of fly.

The Library

Libraries are places to find books for free. You can borrow a book with a library card. Many libraries have story time for young children. Some also have computers you can use.

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The Changing Moon

The moon changes shape in the sky. Some nights it is a thin curve. A week later it looks like half a circle. When the whole face is lit, it is called a full moon.

4. Space has many things to see.
   A full moon has its whole face lit.
   The moon looks different on different nights.
   The moon is always a full circle.

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