Short Research Projects

Grade 3 Writing Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer, or write your answer on the lines.

1. Research question: "Why do volcanoes erupt?" Which fact answers it?

   Mount Fuji is a volcano in Japan.

   Some volcanoes are under the ocean.

   Hot melted rock pushes up through cracks in the ground.

   Volcanic ash can travel far.

2. Which source would give the most reliable facts for a project about a famous landmark?

   a made-up story about the landmark

   a friend's guess

   a museum website about the landmark

   a comic strip set at the landmark

3. One source says a tree is 80 feet tall. Another says 60 feet. What should the researcher do?

   check a third reliable source

   use both numbers without saying why

   pick the bigger number

   leave the tree out of the project

4. A student's question is "How do seeds travel?" Which note should go in the project?

   Some seeds are good to eat.

   Seeds come in packets at the store.

   Maple seeds spin like helicopters and float away.

   Sunflowers can grow taller than a person.

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Pond Visits, Class Record

Our class visited the pond three times. In March, we saw frog eggs. In April, we saw tadpoles with tails. In May, we saw small frogs on the rocks. The water was warmer each visit.

5. Read the source. Write a focused research question, two notes that answer it, and one sentence that tells what you learned.

Research question _____

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Note 1 _____

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Note 2 _____

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What I learned _____

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