Short Research Projects

Grade 4 Writing Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Read each question. Circle the best source for it.

1. Research question: How has the average winter temperature in your state changed since 1950? Which source is best?

   a state weather office chart of yearly winter temperatures

   a travel blog about the best places to ski in your state

   a news story about last week's big snowstorm in the capital city

   an encyclopedia page about what winter is

2. Research question: How did the printing press change how many people could read? Which source is best?

   a museum photo of an old printing press with its wooden handle

   a page about how to use a color printer at home with your computer

   a history book comparing how many books existed before and after the press

   a novel about a young boy who works in a busy print shop in a big old European city

3. Research question: How did the first railroad across the United States change travel time? Which source is best?

   a museum page comparing trip times by wagon and by train

   a timetable for today's trains in your city

   a novel about a girl who rides a train west

   a photo of workers finishing the railroad in 1869

4. Research question: How has the number of bald eagles in the United States changed since 1960? Which source is best?

   a 2023 wildlife report with eagle counts by year

   a 1965 magazine article about eagles in danger

   an encyclopedia page about what eagles look like

   a bird watcher's blog about one eagle nest

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