Short Research Projects

Grade 4 Writing Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

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   It is vague and gives no fact about how bees help.

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   It is written as a question.

4. Research question: Why is the Nile important to Egypt? Sia's note says, "The Nile is important to Egypt." Why is this note weak?

   It gives a fact that belongs to the wrong country and river.

   It names a source that is much too old to trust.

   It repeats the question and gives no reason.

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