Short Research Projects

Grade 4 Writing Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

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2. Ria's class is studying recycling. Write one focused research question about this topic.

3. Lena is researching owls for a science fair board. Write one focused research question about this topic.

4. Sam's class is learning about rain forests. Write one focused research question about this topic.

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Answer Key - Grade 4 Writing Worksheet

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Model answer: "Why did rulers of China build the Great Wall along the northern border?" Check that it: asks about one part of the topic; is a question that ends with a question mark; can be answered with facts from sources; is narrower than What is the Great Wall?.

2. Ria's class is studying recycling. Write one focused research question about this topic.

Model answer: "How do recycling centers sort plastic from paper and metal?" Check that it: asks about one part of the topic; is a question that ends with a question mark; can be answered with facts from sources; is narrower than Why is recycling important?.

3. Lena is researching owls for a science fair board. Write one focused research question about this topic.

Model answer: "How do owls hunt in the dark without being heard?" Check that it: asks about one part of the topic; is a question that ends with a question mark; can be answered with facts from sources; is narrower than What are owls like?.

4. Sam's class is learning about rain forests. Write one focused research question about this topic.

Model answer: "How do the layers of a rain forest give different animals a home?" Check that it: asks about one part of the topic; is a question that ends with a question mark; can be answered with facts from sources; is narrower than What is a rain forest?.