Short Research Projects

Grade 4 Writing Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Read each topic. Write one focused research question about it.

1. Nora's class is studying electricity. Write one focused research question about this topic that fits a one-week project.

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2. Ian's class is learning about space travel. Write one focused research question about this topic that fits a one-week project.

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3. Kai is researching the first railroads in the United States. Write one focused research question about this topic that fits a one-week project.

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4. Tess is writing about ocean pollution for a class presentation. Write one focused research question about this topic that fits a one-week project.

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Answer Key - Grade 4 Writing Worksheet - Challenge Me

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1. Nora's class is studying electricity. Write one focused research question about this topic that fits a one-week project.

Model answer: "How does electricity travel from a power plant to a house?" Check that it: asks about one part of the topic; is a question that ends with a question mark; is narrow enough for a one-week project but still needs more than one fact to answer; is not yes or no.

2. Ian's class is learning about space travel. Write one focused research question about this topic that fits a one-week project.

Model answer: "How do astronauts get food and water on the International Space Station?" Check that it: asks about one part of the topic; is a question that ends with a question mark; is narrow enough for a one-week project but still needs more than one fact to answer; is not yes or no.

3. Kai is researching the first railroads in the United States. Write one focused research question about this topic that fits a one-week project.

Model answer: "How did the first railroads change the time it took to travel across the country?" Check that it: asks about one part of the topic; is a question that ends with a question mark; is narrow enough for a one-week project but still needs more than one fact to answer; is not yes or no.

4. Tess is writing about ocean pollution for a class presentation. Write one focused research question about this topic that fits a one-week project.

Model answer: "How does plastic in the ocean harm sea turtles?" Check that it: asks about one part of the topic; is a question that ends with a question mark; is narrow enough for a one-week project but still needs more than one fact to answer; is not yes or no.