Use Evidence in Stories

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Read the story. Circle the detail that shows each idea.

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