Write From Text Evidence

Grade 4 Writing Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

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"Swimmers, take your mark," the starter called. Ari crouched on the block. The horn sounded, and she dove.

The water was colder than she expected. For the first length, everything went well. She kicked hard and breathed every three strokes, just as she had practiced. At the wall, she flipped and pushed off.

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