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Finding and Using Text Evidence

Directions: Read "Attack of the Man-Eaters" and "Meet the Lion Whisperer." Then complete the activity below.

1. Imagine that you are writing a paragraph explaining why the lions of Tsavo attacked humans.

A. Which of the following is the best topic sentence for your paragraph?

- Ⓐ The lions of Tsavo behaved ferociously, killing 75 men over nine months.
- Ⓑ One of the lions had injuries to its teeth and jaws, which made hunting large animals difficult.
- Ⓒ The lions of Tsavo attacked humans because they were struggling to survive.

B. Which quote provides the BEST text evidence to support the topic sentence you chose in part A?

- Ⓐ "They were naturally aggressive animals suffering from a variety of problems—injuries, drought, and a shortage of prey." (p. 19)
- Ⓑ "[The lions of Tsavo] kill people from surrounding villages every year." (p. 19)
- Ⓒ "The lions eluded Patterson, and continued feasting on workmen, always attacking in different areas of the camp." (p. 18)

C. Which of the following BEST explains why the text evidence you chose in question B is relevant?

- Ⓐ It proves that the lions were cunning.
- Ⓑ It explains why the lions were desperate for food.
- Ⓒ It demonstrates the lions' savagery.

2. Choose the piece of text evidence that BEST supports the statement below. Then complete the sentence to explain your choice.

We understand the lions of Tsavo better now than we did in the past.

- Ⓐ “For more than a century, the story of the man-eaters of Tsavo has captivated scientists.” (p. 19)
- Ⓑ “The lions of Tsavo, it is now believed, were not rogues.” (p. 19)
- Ⓒ “When you stare into their majestic faces, it’s easy to imagine the terror Patterson’s men must have felt on those dark nights more than a century ago.” (p. 19)

I chose ____ because _____

3. A. Choose three pieces of text evidence from “Meet the Lion Whisperer” that BEST support the statement below.

Lions raised in petting farms often have difficult lives.

- Ⓐ “These lions cannot be released into the wild; born and raised in captivity, they often cannot survive on their own.” (p. 21)
- Ⓑ “So what happens to the lions from petting farms?” (p. 21)
- Ⓒ “Some end up in zoos and circuses; others are sent to Asia, where their bones are used in folk medicine.” (p. 21)
- Ⓓ “The rest end up as trophies in what are known as ‘canned hunts,’ in which lions are placed in fenced-in areas and sometimes sedated to make them easier targets.” (p. 21)
- Ⓔ “In South Africa, such hunts bring in nearly \$100 million a year.” (p. 21)

B. Select one piece of INCORRECT evidence from above and explain why it does NOT support the statement.

Evidence ____ does not support the statement because _____

4. Choose the paragraph that correctly uses text evidence in the form of a direct quotation.

- Ⓐ The author describes Kevin Richardson as caring deeply for animals raised in captivity at Lion Park. For example, she points out that when Richardson realized he was part of a cycle that was dooming lions, he “created a sanctuary for 32 lions (including Meg and Ami and Tau and Napoleon), 15 hyenas, and four black leopards from Lion Park.”
- Ⓑ The author describes Richardson as caring for animals. She writes, for example, about how he created a sanctuary for lions (p. 21).
- Ⓒ The author describes Richardson as caring deeply for animals raised in captivity at Lion Park. She writes, “Richardson created a sanctuary for 32 lions (including Meg and Ami and Tau and Napoleon), 15 hyenas, and four black leopards from Lion Park” (p. 21). This shows how Richardson took action to protect the animals.

Explain why the two answers you did NOT choose are incorrect: _____

5. Choose the paragraph that correctly uses text evidence in the form of a paraphrase.

- Ⓐ Colonel Patterson was a determined man. “He vowed to hunt the lions down,” the author writes (p. 18). He stationed himself in trees at night, scanning the darkness for the lions, and even after months had passed with no success, Patterson continued to hunt the lions (p. 18).
- Ⓑ Colonel Patterson was a determined man. He vowed to hunt the lions down after they’d killed his men (p. 18). According to the author, Patterson stationed himself in trees at night, scanning the darkness for the lions, and even after months had passed with no success, he refused to give up until he had caught the lions. This shows Patterson’s determination.
- Ⓒ Patterson was a determined man who vowed to hunt down the lions.

Explain why the two answers you did NOT choose are incorrect: _____
