



Spiders' Secrets

1 Looking at the map on pages 6–7, which spider would you find in South America?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.7

2 Recreate the map on pages 6–7 as a fact file of the different spiders around the world.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.1, RI.3.7

3 Write interesting and relevant captions for the pictures on pages 18, 33, and 40.


Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.7

4 Choose one spider that is featured in the book and write an explanation about what interests you about it.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.1, 3.2

5 Create a set of top trump cards for all the spiders in the book, rating them in terms of danger and adding in key relevant facts.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.1



6 Write a subheading for each of the chapter headings to provide a bit more information in a snappy style.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.2

7 Use the index to look up “hunting” and “food,” and write a summary on the topic for all species.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.2, RI.3.5

8 Choose a relevant term that isn’t included in the index and add it in at the right alphabetical place with the page references.

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.2, RI.3.5

Answers

1 tarantula

2 Answers will vary.

3 Answers will vary, but example captions are as follows:

The tarantula is the biggest spider in the world and will eat prey as large as snakes (page 18); A male house spider (page 33); The jumping spider has eight eyes so it can see in front, to the side, and behind it (page 40).

4 Answers will vary.

5 Answers will vary.

6 Answers will vary, but example subheadings are as follows:

Spiders of the World, How Spiders Make Their Webs, Tarantulas, The Black Widow, Water Spiders, The Common House Spider, Jumping Spiders

7 Answers will vary.

8 Answers will vary, but an example term is as follows: traps.