

Name _____

Three Key Supporters Answer Key

Possible correct supporting details include:

- Beavers build dams using **sticks, mud, and rocks**.
- The dam causes **a pond to form** behind it.
- The pond helps protect beavers from predators and provides access to food in winter.
- The dam creates new habitats for **fish, birds, and insects**.

Any three of the above details are acceptable.

Teacher's Guide

- Emphasize that **supporting details explain or prove the main idea**.
- For differentiation, provide sentence starters for students who need writing support.
- For engagement, let students act as "detail detectives" and highlight clues in the paragraph before writing.
- For extension, ask students to write their own short nonfiction paragraph with one clear main idea and three supporting details.
- For discussion, have students explain which detail they think is the strongest and why.