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LIGHT READING BOOK REPORT #3

FOCUS: WHAT A COINCIDENCE!

Pick a novel that appeals to you and with which you can fulfill the requirements of this assignment. This will be a novel that is both interesting and comprehensible to you. It should be appealing to you and it should not be too hard for you to read—you should be able to read most of it without using a dictionary (looking up a few words per page is OK). Your grade will be based on: 1) Completion of the task outlined below, 2) Evidence that you have read and understood the novel by using the vocabulary and concepts from the book in your answers and 3) The Level of Expression and reflection in your answers.

Title of novel: Los Niños detectives

Author: Patricia Verano

of pages that I read: 60 pages

I rate this book (circle one): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



TASK / FOCUS FOR READING:

- **DESCRIBE** at least **TWO (2) COINCIDENCES** that helped to set up or solve problems in the story.
- **EXPLAIN** the results of these coincidences with **EXAMPLES** from the story.



Patricia Verano's Los Niños detectives is a short novel about two boys, Alberto and Pedro, who use their own skills to solve a crime regarding the animals of Bolivia. There are three principle coincidences that set up the story and allow the boys to solve the case. The first coincidence of the novel is that the boys chose to explore the lake at the same time the bad man decided to steal rare frogs from the same lake, Titicaca. "Quiero explorar el lago. ¿Vamos al lago?" (Verano 22). This

For a complete answer you will need to continue on the back of this sheet → →

- What does it seem the author wants us to get from this story?
 - It seems that the author wants us to get that you should pursue your own interests even when your parents or friends don't understand it, because if you pursue it you will become great at it and will convince others that you made the right choice.
- This novel seems to have been written for what kind of reader?
 - This novel seems to have been written for a Spanish reader that is an advanced beginner as it uses simple, common words, but is longer than most beginner novels.

"Foreign language isn't really a subject. It's a way to communicate while we talk about other subjects." — Charlotte Meyer

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87 coincidence is what started the entire investigation and
the boys would never have had the chance to solve a
+ crime. The second coincidence is that both Pedro's and
Alberto's fathers are scientists who are helping with
the preservation of animals. "Mi papá es científico...
Tiene un proyecto. El proyecto es responsable por la
140 conservación de jaguar" (Verano 2). It is because of
their fathers that they are able to further investigate,
as the fathers traveled to where a jaguar was stolen
and took the boys with them. This then relates to
+ the third coincidence, which is that it was the same
bad man who stole the frogs and the jaguar. "¡Pedro!
196 ¡Ese hombre es el hombre del lago!" (Verano 47). This
final coincidence allowed the boys to complete the investigation,
and only one investigation not two. This short novel was
a mystery and relied on a few main coincidences in
233 order to have a good ending and beginning.

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