

## Reading BCR Sample

**Read** the article "Strongest of All". Then answer the following.

Explain whether the title "Strongest of All" supports an important idea in the story. In your response, use details and examples from the story that support your explanation. Write your answer on your answer document.

The main events are Elephant and whale  
think that because they are strong and  
they think they are great that whale shall  
rule sea and Elephant shall rule land.  
Rabbit doesn't think that's fair, Rabbit  
puts a trick on them and teaches them  
a lesson that everyone is powerful in their  
their own way. Strongest of All is a  
good title because Rabbit shows  
them a lesson that when it comes to  
cleverness, Rabbit is the strongest of all.  
So, it's that the lesson, it refers to the title.

**BCR Score = 3**

**Explanation of score:** The reader states that "Strongest of All is a good title because Rabbit shows them a lesson that when it comes to cleverness Rabbit is the strongest of all." Additionally the reader states "Rabbit puts a trick on them and teaches them a lesson that everyone is powerful in their own way." The reader offers text support that both the elephant and the whale believe they are "strong" and "great" and states explicitly "Elephant shall rule land" and "whale shall rule sea." But "Rabbit doesn't think that's fair" and "puts a trick on them." To improve this response, the reader should choose whether an important idea in the text is about cleverness or power. To adequately support an important idea the reader should show how elephant and whale are strong and why rabbit feels it is not fair for them to rule. Further the reader should detail the trick and its end result. Ultimately the ideas of strength and fairness should be related to the selected important idea of cleverness or power.

### **BCR Rubric:**

3= The response demonstrates an understanding of the complexities of the text.

- Addresses the demands of the question
- Effectively uses text-relevant information to clarify or extend understanding

2= The response demonstrates a general understanding of the text.

- Partially addresses the demands of the question
- Uses text-based and/or text-relevant information to show understanding.

1= The response demonstrates minimal understanding of the text

- Minimally addresses the demands of the question
- Uses minimal information to show understanding of the text in relation to the question

0= The response is completely incorrect or irrelevant to the question, or missing