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Marie Curie Main Ideas and Supporting Details

Marie Curie was born into a poor and unsuccessful family. She eventually became a successful and powerful woman, but had to overcome many obstacles along the way.



When Marie was 10 years of age, her mother passed away and she was sent to a boarding school. At this school, her teachers discovered that she was very intelligent and got her moved to a selective school for children who were academically advanced. Marie excelled at the school and graduated first in her class at the age of 15. She left school with a passion for science and wanted to attend college; however, her father could not afford to fund her desire to go to college and study science. In addition, college was not available for girls in Poland.

While the situation seemed hopeless, Marie wasn't going to let the obstacles keep her from her dream. She began to work as a tutor to help her and her sister, Bronya, go to college in Paris. After a few years of saving money, they both were able to travel to Paris, where they studied Chemistry, math and physics in a prestigious university.

In June of 1903, Marie earned a Ph.D. and became the first woman to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for discovering radiation. She would receive many awards in science throughout her career and would later receive the Nobel Prize for Chemistry. These accomplishments were unheard of for women at this time.

Marie Curie is proof that no matter what obstacles one is faced with, determination and hard work can result in success.

Main Idea

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Supporting Detail #2

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Amelia Earhart Main Ideas and Supporting Details

Amelia Earhart, the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, paved the way for other female aviators. While becoming the first person to fly around the world, Earhart's plane disappeared over the Pacific Ocean.



It took a lot of time and determination for Earhart to gain respect as a female aviator. Her passion for flying began when she took a plane ride at a Long Beach air show as a child in 1920. She began to work odd-end jobs as a young adult to save money for flying lessons. She also read many books on flying, and spent much of her time at the airfield. She became the 16th female to be issued a pilot's license.

She wanted to be taken seriously, so she purchased her own used plane, painted it yellow and named it "The Canary." On October 22, 1922, she flew her plane to 14,000 feet—the world altitude record for female pilots.

She also wrote articles promoting flying in the local newspaper and became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. She started to become the talk around town, but she was determined to be more than a local celebrity. She wanted to be taken seriously as a pilot. When George Putnam, a popular author on aviation, wrote a book about Amelia Earhart, people began to look at her as more than just a "female pilot". She decided that she would take a solo trip across North America to prove herself.

After her return from the solo trip, Earhart became involved with the Ninety-Nines, an organization of female pilots advancing the cause of women in aviation. She became the organization's first president in 1930. The ever-determined Earhart had one more desire and that was to be the first person to fly around the world. While she did not survive the trip, her determination to become a respected aviator opened up many opportunities for the female pilots that followed her.

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Skills Review: Selections 1-7

A Read the selection below. Note the details. Underline the main idea, or topic sentence, in each paragraph. Then circle the correct answers to the questions that follow.

1 Most chameleons live in the rain forest where the climate is warm and rainy. However, chameleons live in many different habitats all over the continent of Africa and on the island country of Madagascar just off the coast of Africa. They can even live in the dry sands of the desert or in higher elevations in the mountains.

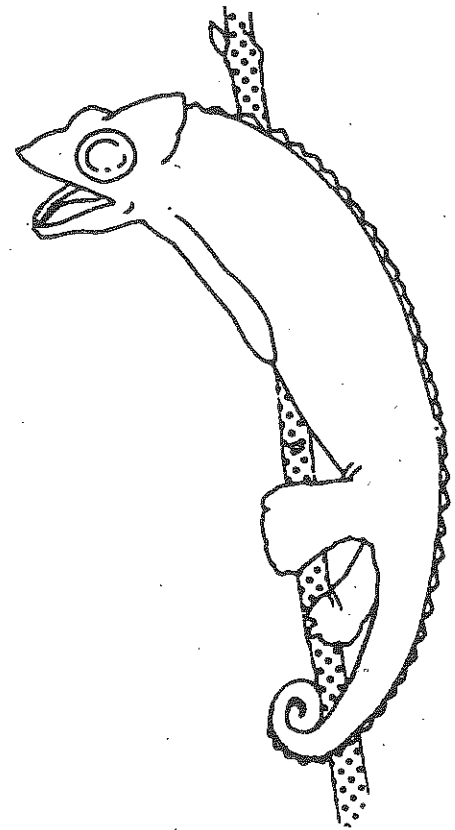
2 There are many different kinds of trees and plants in the rain forest that provide food and shelter for chameleons. The trees, vines, and other plants grow close together, giving the chameleon many places to hide from predators. The rain forest is ideal for chameleons.

3 Chameleons are reptiles, or cold-blooded crawling animals. A reptile's body warms or cools to about the same temperature as the air or water around it. The mild, or temperate, moist climate of the rain forest is suited to the needs of the chameleon's body.

4 Chameleons are also lizards, but they differ from other lizards in a few ways. Chameleons cannot grow new tails if they are injured like other lizards do. Chameleons also move more slowly than most lizards.

5 Chameleons have bulging, heavy-lidded eyes that are unique. Chameleons can move each of their eyes in a different direction. One eye can look forward while the other looks backward. This is handy for spying and catching prey.

6 Sunlight, temperature, and mood make some chameleons change their color. This special color-changing feature makes chameleons of interest to scientists. Scientists have found that chameleons do not use their color-changing ability to hide. It is the chameleon's normal color that provides them with camouflage.



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1. Which paragraph tells about some features of a chameleon's eyes?
 - a. paragraph 4
 - b. paragraph 5
 - c. paragraph 3
2. What is paragraph 2 *mainly* about?
 - a. which animals seek food and shelter in the rain forest
 - b. where chameleons hide from predators
 - c. why the plants of the rain forest grow close together
 - d. why the rain forest is a good place for chameleons to live
3. What is paragraph 4 *mainly* about?
 - a. Chameleons differ from other lizards.
 - b. Chameleons cannot grow new tails.
 - c. Chameleons are lizards.
 - d. Chameleons move more slowly than other lizards.
4. Which is the *best* title for the selection? Remember that the title should tell what the selection is mainly about.
 - a. Reptiles of the Rain Forest
 - b. Jungle Lizards
 - c. The Color of Chameleons
 - d. Hidden Predators
 - e. A Quick Look at Chameleons