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Quotes as Evidence #1

When we answer questions or make statements in response to a text, we can support our ideas by using quotes as **evidence**, or proof. It is important to choose a quote from the text that directly relates to our statement.

Remember, when you copy something from a text, you should use quotation marks around the part that is copied. You can quote part of a sentence or a whole sentence.

Example: The author says that "lions are fierce predators."

When you think of chocolate, you probably imagine your favorite candy bar. But, when chocolate was first discovered over 4,000 years ago, it was actually consumed as a bitter-tasting drink mixed with honey, vanilla, and chili peppers. Chocolate is made from a bean called cacao, which is grown on trees that are native to Central and South America. After the beans are picked, they are allowed to ferment and dry for several weeks before being made into chocolate.

In the 14th century, the Aztec and Mayan people living in Mexico and Central America believed that chocolate had mystical properties. They used chocolate at sacred ceremonies and reserved chocolate for rulers and priests. In fact, chocolate was so desirable that cacao beans were used as currency. For example, in 1545, one cacao bean could buy a large tomato and 100 cacao beans could be traded for a whole turkey.

Choose the quote that best supports each statement below.

1. Instead of eating chocolate, people used it the way we would use nickels and dimes.
 - a) "it was actually consumed as a bitter-tasting drink"
 - b) "They used chocolate at sacred ceremonies"
 - c) "cacao beans were used as currency."
2. It takes a long time to turn cacao beans into chocolate.
 - a) "chocolate was discovered over 4,000 years ago"
 - b) "After the beans are picked, they are allowed to ferment and dry for several weeks"
 - c) "Chocolate is made from a bean called cacao"
3. Chocolate does not come from the United States.
 - a) "people living in Mexico and Central America believed that chocolate had mystical properties."
 - b) "in 1545, one cacao bean could buy a large tomato"
 - c) "[It] is grown on trees that are native to Central and South America."
4. Chocolate has been popular for thousands of years.
 - a) "chocolate was first discovered over 4,000 years ago"
 - b) "in 1545, one cacao bean could buy a large tomato"
 - c) "They used chocolate at sacred ceremonies"

