Determining Key Ideas and Details

What’s the Story?

Read the play about Cleopatra, then use this skills sheet to review what you’ve read.

Play title: ________________________________________________________________

1. What is the theme (main focus or idea) of this play? ________________________________________________________________

2. Where and when did the play’s events take place? ________________________________________________________________

(a) Which characters were real people? ________________________________________________________________

(b) Why were they important? ________________________________________________________________

3. Summarize the action or events in the play. ________________________________________________________________

(a) What was the cause of the main event or key incident in the play? ________________________________________________________________

(b) What was the most important effect of that event or incident? ________________________________________________________________

Reflect How is reading a play about a time in history different from reading a textbook about it? Does a play give you a different perspective of a time period or historical figures? Write a one- to two-paragraph response.