Guided Practice

Read the following excerpt from "The Life of Spice" and note the underlined details. Then complete the activities, using the Hints for help.

From **"The Life of Spice"** *page 43*

. . . By controlling the spice trade, Rome added to its own financial strength and its power over other civilizations.

By this time, spices had become so valuable that only wealthy people could afford them. When the Roman emperor Nero lost his wife, he wanted to show the depth of his grief. How? By burning a year's supply of valuable cinnamon. Spices were even used as currency. For example, Roman soldiers often were paid in salt instead of money. That's where the word *salary* comes from.

1 The first underlined detail contains the words *trade* and *power*. Should this detail be marked with a T/B or a P? **Mark** the text, and explain your answer.

HINT Does it show how spices affected trade, or does it show how spices were used to gain power?

2 Read the second underlined detail, and **mark** the text with a U, T/B, or P to tell which idea it supports. Explain your answer.

HINT What is the second paragraph mostly about?

3 **Underline** and **mark** an additional detail related to your topic. Tell how the detail explains more about the idea you marked.

HINT The two spices mentioned in the paragraph are cinnamon and salt.

Turn and Talk

Discuss your research strategy. Will you look for details about all three ideas, or will you look for details about one idea at a time?

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