Clues From July

Use sources to describe an event and a celebration.

SS24.2.12 "Describe historical events and celebrations within the state and nation using primary and secondary sources."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline what happened in Pennsylvania in 1776. Circle two sources made at the time of what they show, then number two ways people celebrate July 4 today.

From Philadelphia to the Fourth of July

1. In 1776, leaders met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On July 4, they approved the Declaration of Independence. It said the colonies were free from British rule. This event is part of Pennsylvania's history and the history of the United States.

2. A copy of the Declaration printed in 1776 is a primary source. It was made at the time. Its words show what the leaders said about freedom. A history book written much later is a secondary source. It explains the event.

3. Each July 4, people across the United States celebrate Independence Day. Some watch fireworks or join parades. A photo taken at a parade is a primary source for that celebration. A new book about past parades is a secondary source.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What happened in Pennsylvania on July 4, 1776? How does the 1776 copy help you tell about it?

2. How could you use a history book written much later to tell about the 1776 event? What kind of source is it?

3. How do some people celebrate Independence Day? Which source could show a parade as it happened?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine your town has an Independence Day celebration next year. Write two sentences: describe an activity not named in the passage, then name a primary source someone could make that day to show the celebration.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · SS24.2.12

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline what happened in Pennsylvania in 1776. Circle two sources made at the time of what they show, then number two ways people celebrate July 4 today. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What happened in Pennsylvania on July 4, 1776? How does the 1776 copy help you tell about it?	**Leaders approved the Declaration of Independence. The copy shows the words they used to say the colonies were free from British rule.**
2	How could you use a history book written much later to tell about the 1776 event? What kind of source is it?	**The book can explain the event. It is a secondary source.**
3	How do some people celebrate Independence Day? Which source could show a parade as it happened?	**Some people watch fireworks or join parades. A photo taken at a parade could show it as it happened.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At our town's celebration, neighbors will sing songs together. Someone could make a video that day to show children what happened.

For Part 3, accept a plausible new celebration activity and a source made during that celebration, such as a video, photo, or written note. The source must show or describe the celebration the student named.