Stories We Share

Read about a legend, a set of stories, and a song.

SS24.2.15 "Identify and summarize legends, stories, and songs that contributed to the cultural fabric of the United States."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the name of each legend, set of stories, or song. Circle the words that show why people still share it.

Tales and a Tune

1. Many people tell the legend of John Henry, a railroad worker. In the legend, he races a steam drill while driving steel into rock. John Henry wins in many versions. People share his story to honor hard work and courage.

2. Stories about Anansi, a clever spider, have roots in West Africa. People brought these tales to the United States and kept telling them. Anansi often uses his wits to solve problems. His tales help families share ideas and traditions.

3. Woody Guthrie wrote the song *This Land Is Your Land*. It names places across the United States and says the land belongs to everyone. People still sing it together. The song helps people think about sharing their country.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What happens in the John Henry legend, and why do people share it?

2. What does Anansi do in his stories, and what do the stories help families share?

3. What is *This Land Is Your Land* about, and what does it help people think about?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose one legend, set of stories, or song from the passage. In two sentences, tell what it is about and suggest a new way your class could share its message with others.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the name of each legend, set of stories, or song. Circle the words that show why people still share it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What happens in the John Henry legend, and why do people share it?	**John Henry races a steam drill and wins in many versions. People share the legend to honor hard work and courage.**
2	What does Anansi do in his stories, and what do the stories help families share?	**Anansi uses his wits to solve problems. The stories help families share ideas and traditions.**
3	What is *This Land Is Your Land* about, and what does it help people think about?	**The song names places across the United States and says the land belongs to everyone. It helps people think about sharing their country.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Anansi uses his wits to solve problems in stories. Our class could act out an Anansi tale for younger students and talk about using clever ideas.

Accept accurate summaries in the student's own words. For Part 3, the second sentence should suggest a way to share a message from the chosen work.