Beyond the Repair

Study how a narrative ending reflects on events and looks ahead.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8.3e "Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB In the final paragraph, circle the sentence that begins "I learned," and underline the sentence that tells a specific action the narrator will take next week. These sentences show reflection and a future response to the events.

The Dry Bean Row

1 On Saturday morning, I arrived at the Riverside community garden expecting to pull weeds for an hour. Instead, Ms. Alvarez pointed to a dry row of bean plants. A hose had been dripping beside the path, but almost no water reached the row. She handed me a map of the garden's irrigation lines and asked me to trace the route from the faucet. I felt unsure, because I had never studied the pipes beneath the soil on my own.

2 I followed the map while my partner, Darius, turned the faucet on and off. Near the bean row, we found a narrow tube bent beneath a wheelbarrow track. Water was escaping through a split in the tube before it could travel farther. Ms. Alvarez showed us how to shut off the line, cut away the damaged section, and connect a new piece with clamps. When we tested it, water reached the beans in a steady spray. By noon, the leaves no longer drooped.

3 Before leaving, I looked again at the beans and the repaired line. I learned that a problem that seems small can harm many plants when no one checks it closely. Next week, I will help inspect the other irrigation lines and move the wheelbarrow route away from the tubes. The repair did more than save one row of beans, because it showed me that caring for a shared place means noticing trouble and taking responsibility for it when it appears.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which event from the narrative makes the narrator's statement about a small problem harming many plants meaningful?

2. What lesson does the narrator state in the conclusion?

3. How do the narrator's plans for next week follow from the events of the narrative?

4. How does the final sentence extend the conclusion beyond the bean row?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine you narrated helping clean up a school library after a rainstorm leaked through a window. Write a three-sentence conclusion: refer to a key event, state what you learned, and explain one action you will take or a responsibility you now understand.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

In the final paragraph, circle the sentence that begins "I learned," and underline the sentence that tells a specific action the narrator will take next week. These sentences show reflection and a future response to the events. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which event from the narrative makes the narrator's statement about a small problem harming many plants meaningful?	**The split irrigation tube leaked water before it could reach the bean plants, causing the plants to droop.**
2	What lesson does the narrator state in the conclusion?	**A problem that seems small can harm many plants when no one checks it closely.**
3	How do the narrator's plans for next week follow from the events of the narrative?	**The narrator will inspect other irrigation lines and move the wheelbarrow route so similar damage and leaks are less likely.**
4	How does the final sentence extend the conclusion beyond the bean row?	**It connects repairing the beans to the larger responsibility of noticing and addressing problems in a shared place.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

As we stacked the wet books on carts, I saw how quickly one leak could affect an entire room. I learned that protecting shared materials requires people to respond before damage spreads. I will report drips near the windows right away and help check the library after heavy rain.

Accept accurate paraphrases for Questions 1 through 4 that connect the repair events to the narrator's reflection and future action. For Part 3, accept varied conclusions that clearly refer to the library event, include a reflection, and provide a fitting future action or broader responsibility.