

Neighbors Take Part

How participation and civic virtues help a community.

SS.2.CG.2 "Civic and Political Participation"

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline three ways people participate in the community. Circle the civic virtues that help people work together.

A Safer Crossing

- ① At a town meeting, people discussed a new crosswalk near Oak Street School.
Families, teachers, and neighbors listened to the city council. Each person could share an idea during public comment. They spoke one at a time and listened respectfully.
- ② After the meeting, some neighbors wrote letters to council members. Others joined a Saturday cleanup around the school. These actions are civic participation because people work to improve their community. Responsibility means doing your part. Respect means treating other people fairly.
- ③ The city council used the ideas to plan a safer crossing. Later, volunteers picked up litter near the crosswalk. When people participate, they help solve problems. Civic virtues, such as responsibility, respect, and courage, help people work together.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What are two ways neighbors participated after the meeting?

2 Which civic virtue did people show when they spoke one at a time and listened respectfully?

3 How did the residents' participation help the community?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Think of a problem at your school or in your neighborhood. Write two sentences. In the first sentence, tell one civic action people could take. In the second sentence, name a civic virtue and explain how it would help.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline three ways people participate in the community. Circle the civic virtues that help people work together. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What are two ways neighbors participated after the meeting?	They wrote letters to council members and joined a Saturday cleanup.
2	Which civic virtue did people show when they spoke one at a time and listened respectfully?	Respect.
3	How did the residents' participation help the community?	Their ideas helped the city council plan a safer crossing.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

People could join a cleanup at our playground. Responsibility would help each person pick up litter.

Accept other accurate civic actions that help address a school or community problem, such as sharing ideas at a meeting, writing a letter, or volunteering. The second sentence should name a civic virtue and explain how it supports the action.