

Caring Citizens

Read how neighbors use civic virtues to help a shared place.

SS.3.CG.2.1 "Describe how citizens demonstrate civility, cooperation, volunteerism, and other civic virtues."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one action that shows each civic virtue named in the passage. Write V for volunteerism, CI for civility, CO for cooperation, and R for responsibility above the actions you mark.

A Park Cleanup

- ① On Saturday, neighbors met at Maple Park for a cleanup. The city did not require them to come. Maya, her dad, and many others chose to volunteer their time. They picked up litter, pulled weeds, and sorted bottles for recycling. Mr. Chen brought extra gloves to share. By caring for a shared place, the neighbors showed responsibility for their community.
- ② While the group worked, Leo wanted to rake leaves near the swings. Ana needed that rake for the picnic area. Instead of grabbing it, Leo listened as Ana explained her plan. They spoke politely and decided to take turns. This was civility, treating another person with respect. Their choice also helped the work continue without an argument.
- ③ Before leaving, the volunteers checked the park together. One team filled trash bags, and another team carried them to the bin. Maya thanked Mr. Chen for the gloves, and he thanked the children for their hard work. The neighbors noticed that cooperation made a big job easier. Their volunteerism, civility, cooperation, and responsibility helped make Maple Park welcoming for everyone.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Why are Maya and the other neighbors volunteers?

2 What did Leo and Ana do that showed civility?

3 How did the two teams cooperate at the end of the cleanup?

4 What action in the passage shows responsibility for the community?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Think of a shared place, such as a school, park, or library. Write three sentences that tell one way you could volunteer, one civil choice you could make, and one way you could cooperate with others.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline one action that shows each civic virtue named in the passage. Write V for volunteerism, CI for civility, CO for cooperation, and R for responsibility above the actions you mark. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why are Maya and the other neighbors volunteers?	They chose to give their time to clean the park, even though the city did not require them to come.
2	What did Leo and Ana do that showed civility?	Leo listened to Ana, and they spoke politely and decided to take turns with the rake.
3	How did the two teams cooperate at the end of the cleanup?	One team filled trash bags, and the other team carried the bags to the bin.
4	What action in the passage shows responsibility for the community?	The neighbors cared for the shared park by picking up litter, pulling weeds, and recycling bottles.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I volunteer to pull weeds at our school garden. I speak politely when my partner wants to use the watering can. We take turns watering and carry the tools back together.

Accept answers that accurately connect actions in the passage to volunteerism, civility, cooperation, or responsibility. For Your Turn, accept reasonable three-sentence responses that include all three requested civic actions.