

Evidence With Purpose

Study how a writer blends source material into a local argument.

11.T.RA.1.c "Integrate paraphrased, summarized, and quoted material into original texts in various ways for intended purposes that strengthen the writing..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each sentence that uses information from a source, circle the direct quotation, and number the parenthetical citations in order. These marks show how borrowed evidence supports the writer's own ideas.

Shade for Riverton

- ① Riverton's leaders should protect existing street trees while adding shade near bus stops and schools. The United States Environmental Protection Agency defines heat islands as "urbanized areas that experience higher temperatures than outlying areas" (United States Environmental Protection Agency). That definition matters locally because pavement and buildings can hold daytime heat after sunset. Neighborhoods with fewer trees may therefore remain uncomfortable when residents walk home or wait for transit. A tree plan is not a complete climate policy, but it is a practical health measure. City officials should use temperature maps and residents' observations to decide where shade will help people most.
- ② Research supports this choice, yet the evidence needs to fit the claim. In its overview of heat-island solutions, the EPA explains that trees and other vegetation cool streets because shade blocks solar energy and water released from leaves cools the air (United States Environmental Protection Agency). This source information helps explain why shade matters at Riverton's bus stops. The National Institute on Aging lists older adults among people who face greater risk from heat (National Institute on Aging). Together, the sources suggest that shade locations should be chosen not only for temperature but also for who uses them.
- ③ Some residents may ask whether young trees can make a difference soon enough. The EPA notes that trees cool both surfaces and air, so planting should accompany efforts to preserve mature trees already shading sidewalks (United States Environmental Protection Agency). Riverton can also pair tree care with public information. The National Institute on Aging advises people to limit outdoor activity during the hottest parts of the day and to seek air-conditioned places when possible (National Institute on Aging). Thus, a useful plan combines long-term canopy growth with immediate ways for residents to avoid dangerous heat.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 In paragraph 1, what words are directly quoted, and what MLA parenthetical citation follows the quotation?

2 Paraphrase the EPA information in paragraph 2 in your own words. What Riverton location does the writer connect this information to?

3 Which two sources are combined in the last sentence of paragraph 2, and what recommendation does that synthesis support?

4 How does the National Institute on Aging information in paragraph 3 strengthen the writer's final recommendation?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly four sentences proposing shade improvements for Maple Avenue: state an original claim, include one direct quotation from Source A, paraphrase another idea from Source A, and summarize Source B while citing both sources in MLA parenthetical form. Source A, United States Environmental Protection Agency: "Trees and vegetation help lower surface and air temperatures by providing shade and cooling through evapotranspiration." Source B, National Institute on Aging: adults age 65 and older face greater risk from heat, and air-conditioned places can help people stay safe during hot weather.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each sentence that uses information from a source, circle the direct quotation, and number the parenthetical citations in order. These marks show how borrowed evidence supports the writer's own ideas. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In paragraph 1, what words are directly quoted, and what MLA parenthetical citation follows the quotation?	The quoted words are “urbanized areas that experience higher temperatures than outlying areas,” followed by (United States Environmental Protection Agency).
2	Paraphrase the EPA information in paragraph 2 in your own words. What Riverton location does the writer connect this information to?	Trees and plants cool streets by providing shade and by releasing water that cools the air. The writer connects this information to Riverton’s bus stops.
3	Which two sources are combined in the last sentence of paragraph 2, and what recommendation does that synthesis support?	The United States Environmental Protection Agency and the National Institute on Aging are combined. The synthesis supports choosing shade locations based on both heat levels and the people who use the locations.
4	How does the National Institute on Aging information in paragraph 3 strengthen the writer’s final recommendation?	It provides immediate heat-safety actions, such as avoiding outdoor activity during the hottest hours and seeking air-conditioned places. This supports the recommendation to combine long-term tree growth with immediate protection for residents.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Maple Avenue needs more shade because its sidewalks become difficult to use in hot weather. The Environmental Protection Agency explains that “Trees and vegetation help lower surface and air temperatures by providing shade and cooling through evapotranspiration” (United States Environmental Protection Agency). In other words, trees cool an area through both shade and water released from their leaves (United States Environmental Protection Agency). Because older adults face greater heat risk and can stay safer in air-conditioned places, the city should plant trees near the senior center and public library (National Institute on Aging).

Accept accurate paraphrases and summaries that preserve the sources’ meanings without copying their wording. In the open response, require four sentences, an exact quotation, clear original reasoning, and MLA parenthetical citations for both source cards.