Same Bridge, Three Jobs

Notice how purpose and audience shape what each text includes.

12.T.C.1.a "Use knowledge of texts' distinct disciplinary, personal, or technical purposes to aid comprehension. (I)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details that reveal the intended audience, circle wording that reveals the purpose, and write T, P, or S beside each paragraph for technical, personal, or public-safety purpose.

Pier 7 Sources

1. FIELD INSPECTION NOTE, Pier 7 Pedestrian Bridge, 14 May. Ultrasonic readings found two hairline cracks in the east hanger plate, each measuring 18 millimeters. The cracks do not currently reduce the bridge's load rating, but engineers recommend a temporary lane closure while a certified welder removes and replaces the plate. Reinspect the joint 30 days after repair. Attach the readings, photographs, and repair certificate to the maintenance record. This note is intended for the city's structures unit, which must decide whether the repair meets the bridge's inspection schedule.

2. Letter to the Harbor Gazette, 16 May. I crossed the Pier 7 bridge every morning with my grandfather when I was eight. He would stop halfway to point out terns diving beside the ferry dock, then tell me the bridge had carried dockworkers before either of us was born. When the city closed one lane this week, I understood the caution, but I also felt the routine disappear. I hope the repair preserves the old railing and reopens the walkway before the summer market. I am writing to share what this ordinary crossing has meant to my family.

3. PUBLIC ACCESS NOTICE, issued by the Harbor Department. From 6 a.m. Monday until further notice, pedestrians may use the west sidewalk of Pier 7 bridge. Cyclists must walk bicycles across the bridge. The east sidewalk and adjacent lane are closed for structural repair. Do not enter barricaded areas or move cones. Ferry service, emergency access, and nearby businesses remain open. Updates will appear at harbor.gov/bridge and on posted signs at both entrances. This notice gives residents and visitors the instructions needed to travel safely near the work zone; it does not explain the repair process or argue for a particular policy.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Who is the primary audience for the field inspection note, and what decision does that audience need to make?

2. Why does the letter include memories of the writer's grandfather and the terns near the ferry dock?

3. A cyclist needs to cross Pier 7 on Monday morning. Which paragraph would be most useful, and why?

4. Name one detail from the inspection note that the public access notice leaves out. Explain why leaving it out fits the notice's purpose.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

A community garden must close its tool shed for two days because of a broken lock. Write 80 to 110 words for one audience: the repair crew, garden members, or a neighbor who has memories of the shed. Use details that make your audience and purpose clear.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 12 · 12.T.C.1.a

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline details that reveal the intended audience, circle wording that reveals the purpose, and write T, P, or S beside each paragraph for technical, personal, or public-safety purpose. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Who is the primary audience for the field inspection note, and what decision does that audience need to make?	**The city's structures unit is the primary audience. It must decide whether the repair meets the bridge's inspection schedule.**
2	Why does the letter include memories of the writer's grandfather and the terns near the ferry dock?	**The memories show the bridge's personal meaning to the writer and the writer's family, rather than providing repair instructions or technical evidence.**
3	A cyclist needs to cross Pier 7 on Monday morning. Which paragraph would be most useful, and why?	**The public access notice would be most useful because it gives immediate travel instructions, including that cyclists must walk bicycles across the bridge.**
4	Name one detail from the inspection note that the public access notice leaves out. Explain why leaving it out fits the notice's purpose.	**Answers may name the ultrasonic readings, crack measurements, load rating, repair certificate, or 30-day reinspection. The notice focuses on safe travel directions for residents and visitors, not technical repair documentation.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

To the repair crew: The garden tool shed's north door has a loose strike plate, and the latch can be opened without a key. Replace the plate and install two 3-inch exterior screws after checking that the frame is not split. Keep the shed closed from Tuesday morning through Wednesday afternoon. Record the new lock's model number in the supply log and test the door five times before returning the key to the garden coordinator. If rain is forecast, cover stored seed packets in a plastic bin during the repair.

Accept equivalent descriptions of each text's audience and purpose when supported by passage details. For the open response, accept any chosen audience if the word choice, included details, and focus consistently serve that audience and purpose.