One Event, Many Texts

See how a writer's genre choice changes the details readers get.

5.P.AC.3.b "Apply knowledge of how mode and genre impact what kinds of ideas and information are included in texts. (I/C)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words or phrases that name a text genre. Circle the kinds of information that each genre would include, so you can see how the writer's choice shapes the text.

The Library Roof Garden

1. On Saturday, volunteers opened a small garden on the roof of Maple Library. The garden has raised beds, a rain barrel, and herbs that visitors may smell but not pick. One event can become several kinds of writing. Each genre has a purpose, so a writer chooses details that help readers use or understand the text in a particular way.

2. A news brief about the opening would give the date, place, and main facts. It might name the volunteers and explain the garden rules. A reporter would not need to describe every person's thoughts. News readers need clear, timely information, so the brief would focus on what happened and where, rather than on a long personal reaction.

3. A journal entry from a volunteer could tell a different version of the same day. The writer might describe carrying soil upstairs, feeling nervous before visitors arrived, and feeling proud when a child noticed the mint. These details would help readers understand one person's experience. A set of gardening directions, however, would include steps, materials, and safety tips instead of feelings.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why would a news brief include the date, place, and garden rules instead of every volunteer's thoughts?

2. Name two details that could belong in a volunteer's journal entry. Why do those details fit that genre?

3. How would the information in a news brief differ from the information in gardening directions?

4. Which genre in the passage would best help a new volunteer start planting in the roof garden? Explain your choice.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a new school or community event. In four sentences, plan a news brief in the first two sentences and a journal entry in the next sentence, with at least two fitting details in each plan. In your last sentence, explain how the genres changed your choices.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 5 · 5.P.AC.3.b

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline words or phrases that name a text genre. Circle the kinds of information that each genre would include, so you can see how the writer's choice shapes the text. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why would a news brief include the date, place, and garden rules instead of every volunteer's thoughts?	**A news brief gives readers clear, timely facts about what happened and where.**
2	Name two details that could belong in a volunteer's journal entry. Why do those details fit that genre?	**Possible details include carrying soil upstairs, feeling nervous, or feeling proud. They fit a journal entry because it shares one person's experiences and feelings.**
3	How would the information in a news brief differ from the information in gardening directions?	**A news brief would give event facts, such as the date and place. Gardening directions would give steps, materials, and safety tips.**
4	Which genre in the passage would best help a new volunteer start planting in the roof garden? Explain your choice.	**Gardening directions, because they would include steps, materials, and safety tips.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A news brief would report that 42 students collected six bags of litter at Pine Park on Friday. It would also state that the cleanup began at 3:00 p.m. A journal entry would describe my sore arms, my surprise at finding a tiny toy car, and my pride in helping. The news brief uses event facts, while the journal entry includes personal feelings and experiences.

Accept answers that connect each genre to its purpose and the kinds of details it includes. For the open task, accept any realistic event and details that fit the chosen news brief and journal entry genres.