Notice With a Mission

Track audience, purpose, and persuasion in a community notice.

6.P.ST.2 "Author, Audience, & Purpose: Interpret and construct texts by developing and applying knowledge of the strategies and techniques authors use to accommodate the target audience and achieve the text's purpose."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words or phrases that show who this notice is for. Then number three details the author uses to persuade those readers to join the cleanup.

Riverbank Cleanup Crew

1. Want to make a muddy creek cleaner before summer? Join the Riverbank Cleanup Crew this Saturday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Maple Park. Students in grades 6 through 8 can collect litter, sort recyclables, and help protect frogs, fish, and birds. Meet by the picnic shelter, where the park ranger will hand out gloves, bags, and safety vests. Bring a filled water bottle and wear shoes that can get dirty. A parent or guardian must sign the permission slip.

2. You may notice trash along the path, but your work will have a clear result. When rain falls, loose wrappers and bottles can wash into the creek. Removing them helps keep the water safer for animals and for people who visit the park. You do not need special experience to help. Crew leaders will show you how to use grabbers, avoid sharp objects, and separate cans from other trash. Work with a partner so the job stays safe and organized.

3. Bring your curiosity, and bring a friend from school. The cleanup is a chance to spend a morning outdoors while making a shared space look better. At 10:45, volunteers will count the bags they filled and record the kinds of litter they found. Those notes will help the park staff decide where to place more bins. Sign up on the sheet outside the main office by Thursday afternoon. Your name on the list helps leaders prepare enough supplies for everyone.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Who is the most likely audience for this notice? Give one detail from the passage that supports your answer.

2. What is the author's main purpose?

3. Paragraph 2 says, "You do not need special experience to help." What concern might this address, and how does it fit the audience?

4. Why does the author include the meeting place, supply details, and sign-up deadline?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence notice that persuades families to attend a school garden workday. Use a direct address, two specific helpful details, and a clear action step.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline words or phrases that show who this notice is for. Then number three details the author uses to persuade those readers to join the cleanup. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Who is the most likely audience for this notice? Give one detail from the passage that supports your answer.	**The audience is students in grades 6 through 8. The notice directly says, "Students in grades 6 through 8 can collect litter."**
2	What is the author's main purpose?	**The author wants students to join and sign up for the Riverbank Cleanup Crew.**
3	Paragraph 2 says, "You do not need special experience to help." What concern might this address, and how does it fit the audience?	**It addresses a student's worry about lacking skills. It reassures young or new volunteers that they can participate.**
4	Why does the author include the meeting place, supply details, and sign-up deadline?	**These details tell students exactly how to take part and make joining the cleanup feel organized and manageable.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Families, help our school garden grow at the Saturday workday from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Gloves and small tools will be ready, and children can plant bean seeds beside an adult. Add your name to the garden list in the front office by Friday.

Accept audience answers that identify middle school students and support the claim with passage evidence. For the writing task, accept varied topics and wording if the notice clearly targets families, persuades them to attend, includes two useful details, and gives an action step.