Laws at Work

Read how Idaho's constitution connects to laws and consequences.

2.SS.4.2 "Recognize that Idaho has a constitution, which is the basis for our state's laws, and that there are consequences for breaking those laws."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle what Idaho's laws are based on, underline the law about trash, and box a possible consequence of breaking that law.

A Wrapper in the Park

1. In Idaho, people have a state constitution. It is a plan for our state government. The constitution is the basis for Idaho's laws. State leaders must follow it when they make laws for people to obey.

2. Think about a walk in an Idaho park. You see a snack wrapper on the path. Idaho has a law against littering, or leaving trash in public places. Laws like this help keep shared places clean.

3. What if someone drops a wrapper and walks away? Breaking a law can have a consequence. A person who litters may have to pay a fine. A fine is money paid as a penalty for breaking a law.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is the basis for Idaho's state laws?

2. How is Idaho's law against littering connected to its constitution?

3. What could happen if someone breaks the littering law?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine someone takes another person's bike without asking. Write two sentences that tell how Idaho's constitution connects to a law about taking things and one possible consequence of breaking that law.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle what Idaho's laws are based on, underline the law about trash, and box a possible consequence of breaking that law. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the basis for Idaho's state laws?	**Idaho's state constitution is the basis for its laws.**
2	How is Idaho's law against littering connected to its constitution?	**The constitution is the basis for Idaho's laws, including the law against littering.**
3	What could happen if someone breaks the littering law?	**The person may have to pay a fine.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Idaho's constitution is the basis for a state law against stealing someone's bike. A person who breaks that law may have to pay a fine.

Accept answers that identify Idaho's constitution as the basis for state laws. For Your Turn, accept a plausible consequence of stealing, such as a fine or having to return the bike.