Citizens in Action

Read about good citizenship at a town park.

2.SS.4.6 "Identify characteristics of good citizenship, such as courage, honesty, and responsibility, and identify the responsibilities of being a United States citizen."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the three words that name good citizen traits. Then circle the two things U.S. citizens can do that are named after "In the United States."

A Day at the Park

1. On Saturday, Nia went to the town park. She saw a sign that said, "Stay on the path." Nia kept her feet on the path. Following park rules helps people care for a place everyone uses.

2. At the park, Nia found a lost water bottle. She told a park worker where she found it. Nia showed honesty by telling the truth. She also showed responsibility when she picked up litter without being asked.

3. Good citizens also show courage. Nia felt nervous, but asked some children to let a new child join their game. In the United States, citizens obey laws. When they are old enough, citizens can vote in elections to help choose leaders.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How did Nia show honesty and responsibility at the park?

2. What did Nia do that showed courage?

3. Name one thing U.S. citizens can do now and one thing they can do when they are old enough.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of a new situation at school or in your neighborhood, not one from the reading. In two sentences, tell how you would show a good citizen trait and how you would carry out a U.S. citizen's responsibility.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.SS.4.6

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the three words that name good citizen traits. Then circle the two things U.S. citizens can do that are named after "In the United States." Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Nia show honesty and responsibility at the park?	**She showed honesty by telling a park worker where she found the bottle. She showed responsibility by picking up litter without being asked.**
2	What did Nia do that showed courage?	**Although she felt nervous, Nia asked the children to let a new child join their game.**
3	Name one thing U.S. citizens can do now and one thing they can do when they are old enough.	**Citizens can obey laws now. When they are old enough, they can vote in elections.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

If I broke a classroom pencil, I would tell my teacher the truth to show honesty. As a U.S. citizen, I would obey traffic laws by waiting for the walk signal.

For the marking job, accept honesty, responsibility, and courage underlined, with obey laws and vote in elections circled. For Your Turn, accept a new, plausible situation that names or clearly shows a trait and gives a valid citizen responsibility.