Where Homes Grow

How land and water shape a community over time

3.SS.2.3 "Analyze past and present settlement patterns of the community in which you live and how geographic features influenced those patterns."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline places homes stood long ago, circle places homes stand today, and number the land or water features that shaped those choices. Use your marks to compare how the town grew.

Pine Bend, Then and Now

1. Long ago, the first families in the town of Pine Bend built homes on high ground near a creek. The creek gave them water for gardens and animals. The high ground stayed drier when heavy rain made the creek rise. A steep, rocky hill stood farther west. Few families built there because digging and walking on the hill were hard.

2. Over time, Pine Bend grew. A bridge made it easier to cross the creek, so more homes appeared on the other side. People built a road across flat land to the east. Stores and houses followed the road because it was easy for people to travel there. The rocky hill still had few buildings, even when the town had many more people.

3. Today, many families live east of the creek, near the road and school. Some older homes still stand on the high ground by the creek. New homes are built farther from the creek because pipes can carry water to them. After a big rain, the creek can still flood low land. People leave that low land open for a park instead of building homes there.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why did Pine Bend's first families build on high ground near the creek instead of on low land?

2. How did the bridge change where people built homes?

3. How did the flat land and rocky hill lead to different building patterns as Pine Bend grew?

4. Why can new homes stand farther from the creek today, and where do people avoid building?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of your own community. Write three sentences: name a land or water feature near you, tell where you think people built homes in the past, and explain how that feature affects where homes stand today. If you do not know the past, use "I think" to show it is a guess.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.SS.2.3

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline places homes stood long ago, circle places homes stand today, and number the land or water features that shaped those choices. Use your marks to compare how the town grew. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why did Pine Bend's first families build on high ground near the creek instead of on low land?	**The creek provided water, and the high ground stayed drier when the creek rose.**
2	How did the bridge change where people built homes?	**It made crossing the creek easier, so more homes were built on the other side.**
3	How did the flat land and rocky hill lead to different building patterns as Pine Bend grew?	**A road, stores, and houses spread across the flat land. Few buildings stood on the rocky hill because it was hard to dig and walk there.**
4	Why can new homes stand farther from the creek today, and where do people avoid building?	**Pipes carry water to homes farther away. People avoid building on low land that can flood.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My community is near the ocean. I think early families built near the shore so they could use boats. Today, some homes stand farther inland to stay away from storm waves.

For Part 3, accept a plausible local feature and a reasonable explanation of how it may have shaped home locations in the past and today. Students should identify an uncertain claim about the past as a guess.