Rules Along the Ride

Trace how three governments make, apply, and enforce laws.

4.SS.4.1 "Identify the people and groups who make, apply, and enforce laws within state, local, and tribal governments how they function, and the relationships between them."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB As you read, underline each group that makes a rule or law, circle each group that enforces one, and put a 1 beside each court that applies one. Use your marks to see how the groups work together.

Maya's Bike Ride

1. On Saturday, Maya rides her bike to a city park. The city council, a group elected by local voters, makes a rule that bikes must stay off the park's walking path. A city police officer asks riders to leave the path when they break the rule. If someone challenges a ticket, a city court may apply the rule to that case.

2. On the road to the park, Maya sees a state highway. The state legislature makes laws for the state, including rules for roads. State troopers enforce state laws on state highways. State courts apply state laws when they decide cases. A city is part of the state, so its council cannot make a park rule that conflicts with state law.

3. Nearby, a tribal nation has a bike trail on its land. Its tribal council makes a rule about trail hours. Tribal police enforce tribal laws, and a tribal court applies tribal laws in cases it has authority to hear. The tribal nation governs itself, rather than acting as a city of the state. Tribal and state leaders can work together on safety, even though their governments have different powers.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Who makes the city park rule, and who enforces it?

2. How do state troopers and state courts use laws made by the state legislature?

3. Why must the city council consider state law when it makes a park rule?

4. Who makes, enforces, and applies the tribal trail rule? How is the tribal nation different from a city?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a bike path with one part in a city park and another part on tribal land. In four sentences, tell who could make and enforce a rule for each part, how a court could apply one rule, and how the two governments could work together.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

As you read, underline each group that makes a rule or law, circle each group that enforces one, and put a 1 beside each court that applies one. Use your marks to see how the groups work together. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Who makes the city park rule, and who enforces it?	**The city council makes the rule, and a city police officer enforces it.**
2	How do state troopers and state courts use laws made by the state legislature?	**State troopers enforce state laws on state highways. State courts apply state laws when deciding cases.**
3	Why must the city council consider state law when it makes a park rule?	**The city is part of the state, so its park rule cannot conflict with state law.**
4	Who makes, enforces, and applies the tribal trail rule? How is the tribal nation different from a city?	**The tribal council makes the rule, tribal police enforce tribal laws, and a tribal court applies tribal laws in cases it has authority to hear. The tribal nation governs itself rather than acting as a city of the state.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The city council could make a rule for the part of the path in the city park. The tribal council could make a rule for the part on tribal land. City police could enforce the city rule, and tribal police could enforce the tribal rule where they have authority. A city court could apply the city rule in a ticket case, and the two governments could share plans for keeping riders safe.

Accept answers that correctly connect each government's lawmakers, law enforcers, and courts. For the open task, students should keep city and tribal authority distinct and describe a practical way to cooperate.