The Kite Choice

Retell key events and find evidence for a theme.

4.RC.2 "Paraphrase or summarize the main events in a story, myth, legend, or novel; identify the theme and provide evidence for the interpretation."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Write 1, 2, and 3 beside one important event in each paragraph. Circle an action that helps show the story's lesson.

The Festival Flight

(1) At the town kite festival, Ava carried a red kite she had spent all week making. She hoped to win the ribbon for the longest flight. Beside her, Teo tried to launch a paper kite, but it wobbled and dropped into the grass. Ava noticed that one corner of his kite had come loose. The starting bell was only minutes away.

(2) A strong breeze filled Ava's kite as she ran toward the hill. Then she heard Teo call for help. She could keep running and catch the best wind, or she could stop. Ava knelt beside Teo and used a strip of tape from her pocket to fix the loose corner. She also showed him how to hold the string while he ran.

(3) By the time Ava launched her own kite, the strongest gust had passed. Her kite flew, but it did not stay up long enough to win. Across the field, Teo's repaired kite rose above the trees. He waved to Ava and called, 'Look what we did!' Ava smiled and helped Teo guide his kite through the gentler wind. She left without a ribbon, but with a new friend.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. In your own words, summarize the problem at the start of the story.

2. Paraphrase Ava's choice and what she does after making it.

3. Summarize how the festival ends for both Ava and Teo.

4. What is one theme of the story? Give an action from the story that supports your answer.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a four-sentence journal entry as Teo. Retell what happened at the start, middle, and end in your own words, then tell what Ava's actions taught you. Include one feeling Teo might have had.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 4 · 4.RC.2

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Write 1, 2, and 3 beside one important event in each paragraph. Circle an action that helps show the story's lesson. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In your own words, summarize the problem at the start of the story.	**Teo's kite will not fly because a corner is loose, and Ava must decide whether to help him or try to win the ribbon.**
2	Paraphrase Ava's choice and what she does after making it.	**Ava stops trying to catch the best wind. She tapes Teo's kite and shows him how to hold the string.**
3	Summarize how the festival ends for both Ava and Teo.	**Teo's kite rises high. Ava does not win the ribbon, but she makes a new friend.**
4	What is one theme of the story? Give an action from the story that supports your answer.	**Helping someone can matter more than winning. Ava stops her run to repair Teo's kite, even though she may miss the best wind.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At the festival, I felt worried when my kite kept falling. Ava stopped her run and helped me tape its loose corner. My kite finally climbed high, even though Ava did not win the ribbon. When Ava gave up her chance to help me, I learned that kindness matters more than a prize.

Accept other supported themes, such as friendship growing through kindness. For the journal entry, look for four sentences in Teo's voice that retell the main events, include a feeling, and connect a lesson to Ava's actions.