Seeds From the Past

Use an old garden log to see how the past shapes a community.

2.H.2 "Identify the impact the past has on the present way of life in the community using primary sources."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the two actions in the 1942 garden log. Circle the two ways Maya's class uses those ideas today.

The Garden Log

1. In 1942, children at Oak Street School kept a garden log. One page says, "We planted beans by the school. We gave seeds to neighbors." The children wrote the log to tell what they did.

2. Years later, Maya found the log at school. She showed it to her class. They planted beans by the school again. They also set up a seed table, so neighbors could take seeds home to plant.

3. Today, a note on the school door says, "Take some seeds. Leave some seeds if you can." Neighbors use the table each spring. Maya's class keeps the old garden log in a folder for others to read.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What did Maya's class plant because of an idea in the old log?

2. How is the seed table like something the children did in 1942?

3. How does the note on the school door show that an old idea is still used?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

A fair worker's note from 1950 says, “We made paper stars for the winter fair.” Write two sentences about a fair activity your community could start today and how the old note gave you the idea.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.H.2

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the two actions in the 1942 garden log. Circle the two ways Maya's class uses those ideas today. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did Maya's class plant because of an idea in the old log?	**They planted beans by the school, as the children in the log had done.**
2	How is the seed table like something the children did in 1942?	**Both let neighbors have seeds to plant.**
3	How does the note on the school door show that an old idea is still used?	**The note invites neighbors to take and leave seeds, like the children who gave seeds to neighbors in 1942.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our community could make paper stars together at the winter fair today. The old note tells us that people made stars for the fair long ago, so we could try their idea.

Accept answers that link a specific action in the old log to what the class or neighbors do today. For Your Turn, look for a fair activity connected to making paper stars and an explanation that uses the worker's note.