Citizens Who Care

Read how people help their community, state, and nation.

3.C.4 "Explain the importance of being a responsible citizen of your community, state, and nation. Identify people in your community and state who exhibit the characteristics of good citizenship."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one helpful action by Ms. Rivera, Mr. Lee, and Jay. Circle a word or phrase that shows who each action helps.

Helping Near and Far

1. In Jay's town, Ms. Rivera is a crossing guard. She notices a loose sign near the school crosswalk and tells the town office. Until workers fix it, she helps families cross at a safe spot. She follows traffic rules, too. Her careful choices help neighbors avoid danger. A responsible citizen does not wait for someone else to notice a problem.

2. In the same state, Mr. Lee leads a volunteer team at a state park. The team picks up fishing line left near the lake and puts it in a bin. They leave plants and animals alone. Fishing line can hurt wildlife, so Mr. Lee's work helps protect a place that people across the state can enjoy. He invites others to care for it, too.

3. People also share a nation. At home, Jay learns that some families in other states need supplies after a flood. He and his family donate clean blankets to a relief group. He checks that the blankets are clean and useful before giving them. His action helps people far from his town. Responsible citizens can care for neighbors nearby and far away.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How does Ms. Rivera help people in her community stay safe?

2. What does Mr. Lee do that helps people across the state, and why does it matter?

3. How does Jay show care for people in the nation beyond his own state?

4. Ms. Rivera and Mr. Lee help in different places. Why are both of their actions important?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of a real person in your community or state who shows good citizenship. In three sentences, name or describe the person, tell about a helpful action different from those in the passage, and explain why it matters to others.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.C.4

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one helpful action by Ms. Rivera, Mr. Lee, and Jay. Circle a word or phrase that shows who each action helps. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How does Ms. Rivera help people in her community stay safe?	**She reports the loose sign and helps families cross at a safe spot until workers fix it.**
2	What does Mr. Lee do that helps people across the state, and why does it matter?	**He leads a team that removes fishing line from a state park. This protects wildlife and a place people across the state can enjoy.**
3	How does Jay show care for people in the nation beyond his own state?	**He donates clean, useful blankets to help families in other states after a flood.**
4	Ms. Rivera and Mr. Lee help in different places. Why are both of their actions important?	**Both care for places people share. Ms. Rivera helps neighbors stay safe, and Mr. Lee helps protect a state park.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A volunteer at my local food pantry sorts cans for families. He checks that each can is safe to eat. His care helps families in our community get food they can use.

Accept accurate paraphrases of the passage for the short answers. For Your Turn, accept a real person the student knows or can identify, an action not used in the passage, and a clear reason it helps others.