Changes Around Us

People, events, and developments in local history

3.H.4 "Give examples of people, events, and developments that brought important changes to your community and the region where your community is located."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the name of a person, box an event, and underline a development in the passage. Draw an arrow from each one to a change it caused.

How Chicago Changed

1. In 1848, the Illinois and Michigan Canal opened near Chicago. A canal is a waterway people build for boats. This canal joined Lake Michigan to the Illinois River. Boats could carry grain from farms in the Great Lakes region to Chicago and then toward the Mississippi River. Chicago became a busy place to buy and sell goods, while farmers gained another way to reach buyers.

2. In 1871, the Great Chicago Fire swept through the city. It burned thousands of buildings and left many people without homes. After the fire, Chicago rebuilt homes and stores. Builders used more brick and stone in many new buildings because those materials do not burn as easily as wood. The city also made stronger fire rules. This event changed how the community built and protected its buildings.

3. In 1889, Jane Addams and Ellen Gates Starr opened Hull House in Chicago. Many families coming from other countries lived nearby. At Hull House, neighbors could take classes, find help with child care, and meet one another. Addams and other workers also spoke up for cleaner streets and safer places for children to play. Their work helped make city life better for many Chicago families.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How did the Illinois and Michigan Canal change life for farmers in the Great Lakes region?

2. What did Chicago change about its buildings and rules after the Great Chicago Fire?

3. How did Jane Addams help change life for families in Chicago?

4. Which change in the passage reached farmers across the Great Lakes region, and which change helped families in a Chicago neighborhood?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of a real change in your own community or region that is not in the passage. In two or three sentences, name a person, event, or development linked to it, and tell what changed and where.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the name of a person, box an event, and underline a development in the passage. Draw an arrow from each one to a change it caused. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did the Illinois and Michigan Canal change life for farmers in the Great Lakes region?	**It gave farmers another way to send grain to buyers.**
2	What did Chicago change about its buildings and rules after the Great Chicago Fire?	**Builders used more brick and stone in many new buildings, and the city made stronger fire rules.**
3	How did Jane Addams help change life for families in Chicago?	**She helped open Hull House, where neighbors could take classes, find child care help, and meet one another.**
4	Which change in the passage reached farmers across the Great Lakes region, and which change helped families in a Chicago neighborhood?	**The canal gave farmers a new way to reach buyers. Hull House offered classes, child care help, and a meeting place for nearby families.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

In Atlanta, Georgia, MARTA trains began running in 1979. The trains gave people a new way to travel around the Atlanta area instead of driving the whole way.

For the marking job, accept Jane Addams or Ellen Gates Starr as the person, the Great Chicago Fire as the event, and the Illinois and Michigan Canal as the development. For Your Turn, accept a real local or regional example that names a person, event, or development and explains the change it brought.