The River Town

Use story details to support what you know and what you infer.

RL.6.1 "Cite multiple pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two details that show what happened to the town. Then circle one character's action and number two details that help you infer what that character thinks or feels.

Built Together

1 On Monday morning, Nia found the class's cardboard river town under a dripping window. The blue paper river had curled, and one end of the bridge sagged into it. Their exhibit was due at lunch. On Friday, Ravi had promised to carry the town away from the window, but it was still there. She pressed a finger against the damp bridge and sighed. Ravi's name was still written beside hers on the exhibit card, though she had done most of the painting.

2 Before Nia could move the town, Ravi came in with a grocery bag. He pulled out dry cardboard, tape, and a small jar of blue paint. "I saw the window leaking when I came by yesterday," he said. "The door was locked, so I went home to find supplies." Nia noticed a crumpled note taped low on the classroom door: "Window leaks. Please move our town." The note was signed Ravi. She had walked past it without looking.

3 Nia held the bridge steady while Ravi taped a fresh support beneath it. Their hands left blue fingerprints on the table, but the bridge stood straight. When the class arrived, Nia began to say that Ravi had saved the town. Ravi shook his head and pointed to the painted houses. "You made those," he said. Nia looked at the exhibit card again. With a pencil, she added two words below their names: "Built together." Then she moved the town to a shelf far from the window.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What evidence shows that water damaged the town? Give two details from the story.

2. What can you infer about Ravi's effort to protect the town before Monday? Support your inference with two details.

3. Why might Nia feel annoyed with Ravi at the start? Use two details to support your answer.

4. What shows that Ravi respects Nia's work? Cite two things he says or does.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Predict one thing Nia might do differently the next time a project with a partner goes wrong. Explain your prediction with two details from different paragraphs.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two details that show what happened to the town. Then circle one character's action and number two details that help you infer what that character thinks or feels. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What evidence shows that water damaged the town? Give two details from the story.	**The window was dripping, and the blue paper river had curled. The bridge was also damp and sagging.**
2	What can you infer about Ravi's effort to protect the town before Monday? Support your inference with two details.	**Ravi tried to protect it. He left a warning note on the door when the room was locked, and he went home to find repair supplies.**
3	Why might Nia feel annoyed with Ravi at the start? Use two details to support your answer.	**Ravi had promised to move the town, but it was still under the window. Nia also thought she had done most of the painting, even though both names were on the card.**
4	What shows that Ravi respects Nia's work? Cite two things he says or does.	**He points to the painted houses and tells Nia, "You made those."**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Next time, Nia might ask her partner what happened before deciding who is to blame. At first, she sighs when she sees the damaged bridge. Later, she discovers that Ravi left a warning note on the door, which she had walked past.

Accept reasonable inferences supported by two distinct, accurate story details. For question 4, Ravi's gesture and his spoken words count as separate pieces of evidence.