

Seeds of Saturday

Use details from a literary text to support clear inferences.

8R1 "Cite textual evidence to strongly support an analysis of what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences. (RI&RL)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two details that directly state what Lena says or does. Circle two other details that help you infer how her attitude changes, then number the circled clues 1 and 2.

The Garden Workday

- ① On Saturday morning, Lena rode past the vacant lot behind the library and saw Mr. Ortiz kneeling beside a row of wooden boards. He held a tape measure while rainwater darkened the knees of his jeans. A hand-painted sign leaned against the fence: "Garden workday, 10 a.m." Lena had planned to spend the morning practicing guitar, but she stopped her bike. "Do you need another pair of hands?" she asked. Mr. Ortiz smiled and handed her a stack of gloves.
- ② At first, Lena pulled weeds slowly, careful not to stain her new sneakers. Then she noticed that the lot was scattered with bottle caps and torn wrappers. Without being asked, she filled two trash bags before returning to the garden bed. When Mr. Ortiz thanked her, Lena shrugged. "It's just a few bags," she said, though she stayed after noon to help measure boards for a low border around the seedlings near the path as well.
- ③ By early afternoon, three younger children had joined Lena at the lot. She showed them how to press seeds into shallow holes, then gave each child a turn with the watering can. Before leaving, Lena tucked her guitar pick into her pocket instead of taking it out. She studied the neat rows of seeds and said, "I'll come back next Saturday." Mr. Ortiz wrote her name beside "watering team" on the sign with a pencil.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What did Lena plan to do before she stopped at the lot? Cite the words that state your answer.

2 What can you infer about why Mr. Ortiz handed Lena a stack of gloves? Support your inference with evidence.

3 What does Lena's choice to fill two trash bags suggest about her? Cite one detail that supports your inference.

4 Why is the word "though" important in the sentence about Lena shrugging and staying after noon? Explain what it helps you infer.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write 2 or 3 sentences that make a claim about Lena's attitude toward the garden by the end of the passage. Cite two different pieces of textual evidence and explain how each one supports your claim.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline two details that directly state what Lena says or does. Circle two other details that help you infer how her attitude changes, then number the circled clues 1 and 2. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did Lena plan to do before she stopped at the lot? Cite the words that state your answer.	She planned to spend the morning practicing guitar. The passage states, "Lena had planned to spend the morning practicing guitar."
2	What can you infer about why Mr. Ortiz handed Lena a stack of gloves? Support your inference with evidence.	Mr. Ortiz inferred that Lena wanted to help with the garden work. Lena asks, "Do you need another pair of hands?" and he gives her gloves.
3	What does Lena's choice to fill two trash bags suggest about her? Cite one detail that supports your inference.	It suggests that Lena cares about improving the lot, not only doing an assigned task. She fills "two trash bags" "without being asked."
4	Why is the word "though" important in the sentence about Lena shrugging and staying after noon? Explain what it helps you infer.	"Though" contrasts Lena's modest words with her actions. Even though she says it is "just a few bags," she stays after noon to keep helping, suggesting that the work matters to her.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

By the end, Lena views the garden as a responsibility she wants to share. She fills "two trash bags" "without being asked," showing care for the space, and says, "I'll come back next Saturday," showing that she plans to keep helping.

Accept logical inferences that are supported by accurate details or quotations from the passage. For the open response, students need a clear claim, two different pieces of evidence, and an explanation of how each detail supports the claim.