

Library Rules Matter

Find equality, fairness, and respect for rules in a community library.

2.3a "The United States is founded on the democratic principles of equality, fairness, and respect for authority and rules."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline a detail that shows equality, circle a detail that shows fairness, and draw a box around a detail that shows respect for authority or rules.

A Fair Library

- ① In the United States, people work to treat each person with dignity. At the town library, every child may get a library card. Maya uses a ramp to enter, while other children use the steps. Everyone can borrow books.
- ② The library has six new comic books, but many children want them. The librarian makes a waiting list. Each child gets a turn to borrow one book for one week. This fair plan gives everyone a chance.
- ③ A posted rule says that voices should be quiet in the reading room. When Luis starts talking loudly, the librarian points to the rule. Luis lowers his voice. Following the rule helps people read and shows respect for the librarian's authority.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 How does the library help children be treated equally?

2 Why is the waiting list fair?

3 What does Luis do to show respect for the library rule and the librarian?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write three sentences about your classroom. Tell one way students can show equality, one way they can show fairness, and one way they can respect a teacher or class rule.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline a detail that shows equality, circle a detail that shows fairness, and draw a box around a detail that shows respect for authority or rules. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How does the library help children be treated equally?	Every child may get a library card, and Maya can use the ramp to enter.
2	Why is the waiting list fair?	Each child gets a turn to borrow a comic book, so everyone has a chance.
3	What does Luis do to show respect for the library rule and the librarian?	He lowers his voice after the librarian points to the quiet rule.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Every student can choose a job in our class. We take turns using the classroom tablets so each child gets time. When our teacher says to clean up, we put supplies away.

Accept answers that correctly connect equal treatment, fair turns or chances, and following a teacher or class rule to the three democratic principles. For Your Turn, accept different realistic classroom examples that include all three principles.