

Library Through Time

Use dates, changes, and continuities to tell a community story.

2.6a "Continuities and changes over time in communities can be described using historical thinking, vocabulary, and tools such as time lines."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the years in the passage. Circle one change, and draw a box around one fact about borrowing books that stayed the same.

River Town Library

- ① Imagine River Town Library, which has served families for many years. A town record says a new room for computers opened in 2005. In 1950, the library stood in one small room beside the post office. Today it has its own building.
- ② In 2020, the library began lending tablet computers for families to use at home. This was a change from 1950, when people could borrow books only. The library still lends books, so borrowing books is a continuity, something that stayed the same.
- ③ A time line helps readers put dated events in order. The library's dates, 2005, 1950, and 2020, tell its story. A time line can show that tools changed while borrowing books continued.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which event belongs first on a time line? Write the year and what happened.

2 What is one change at River Town Library?

3 Why is borrowing books called a continuity?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Complete the time line table with 1950, 2005, and 2020 in earliest-to-latest order. For 1950, write what people could borrow that they still borrow today. For 2005 and 2020, write what changed. Label each fact Change or Continuity.

YEAR	LIBRARY FACT	CHANGE OR CONTINUITY

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the years in the passage. Circle one change, and draw a box around one fact about borrowing books that stayed the same. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which event belongs first on a time line? Write the year and what happened.	1950, the library was in one small room beside the post office.
2	What is one change at River Town Library?	Answers may include: A computer room opened in 2005, or the library began lending tablets in 2020.
3	Why is borrowing books called a continuity?	People could borrow books in 1950, and the library still lends books today.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

YEAR	LIBRARY FACT	CHANGE OR CONTINUITY
1950	People could borrow books.	Continuity
2005	A room for computers opened.	Change
2020	The library began lending tablets.	Change

Accept passage-based facts placed with the correct year in chronological order. Accept Change for the computer room or tablet lending, and Continuity when the student explains that borrowing books continued.