Many Become One

Read the words on the Great Seal and think about what they mean.

2.C.1.10 "Examine the meaning of the phrase, "E Pluribus Unum" ("Out of many, one") found on the Great Seal of the United States of America."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words that tell what "E Pluribus Unum" means. Then circle one example of many being part of one.

Words on the Great Seal

1. You may spot the Great Seal of the United States on a one-dollar bill. One side of the seal shows an eagle. In its beak, the eagle holds a ribbon with the words "E Pluribus Unum."

2. Those words are Latin. In English, "E Pluribus Unum" means "Out of many, one." Many states joined together as one country, the United States. States such as Maine and Texas have different names, but they share one country.

3. The words can also help us think about people. People in the United States have different families, foods, and stories. They live in one country. The seal's words do not say everyone is the same. They say many can belong to one nation.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. When the passage talks about states, what are the “many” and what is the “one”?

2. How do Maine and Texas help show the meaning of “Out of many, one”?

3. How can “Out of many, one” fit people with different families, foods, and stories?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about a group you know, such as a class or team. Tell what is different about its people and how they are one group, like “Out of many, one.”

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the words that tell what "E Pluribus Unum" means. Then circle one example of many being part of one. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	When the passage talks about states, what are the "many" and what is the "one"?	**The many are the states. The one is the United States.**
2	How do Maine and Texas help show the meaning of "Out of many, one"?	**They are different states that are both part of the United States.**
3	How can "Out of many, one" fit people with different families, foods, and stories?	**People can be different and still belong to one country.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

People in my class like different games and read different books. We are one class because we learn and work together.

For the marking job, accept the English meaning underlined and either the states or the people example circled. For Your Turn, accept a group with a clear difference among its members and a clear way they belong together.