Caring for the River

How a Tribal Nation makes choices for its citizens and land

2.C.1.5 "Explain how American Indian Nations are self-governing people who make decisions through Tribal representatives in order to meet the needs of their citizens and manage their land and resources."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline what citizens tell their representatives, circle what the representatives decide to do, and number two ways their choice helps citizens or the land.

A Choice for the River

1. American Indian Nations are self-governing. Each Nation can make many of its own choices. Citizens are people who belong to a Nation. Tribal representatives are leaders who speak for them and help make choices for their Nation.

2. Imagine a river on a Tribal Nation's land. Families use its water, and fish live there. Citizens worry that trash near the river may harm the fish. They tell their Tribal representatives that the river needs care.

3. The representatives meet and listen to the citizens. They decide to set up a river clean-up day and put trash bins by the path. This choice helps citizens enjoy the river and helps protect the Nation's land and water.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How do the citizens help their Tribal representatives know what the river needs?

2. What do the representatives decide to do about the trash?

3. How does this choice help citizens and care for the Nation's land and water?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a walking path on a Tribal Nation's land gets muddy after rain. In two sentences, tell how citizens could work with their Tribal representatives to solve the problem and how the choice would care for the land.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline what citizens tell their representatives, circle what the representatives decide to do, and number two ways their choice helps citizens or the land. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How do the citizens help their Tribal representatives know what the river needs?	**They tell the representatives that the river needs care.**
2	What do the representatives decide to do about the trash?	**They decide to hold a river clean-up day and put trash bins by the path.**
3	How does this choice help citizens and care for the Nation's land and water?	**It helps citizens enjoy the river while protecting the land and water from trash.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Citizens could tell their Tribal representatives that they need a safe path after rain. The representatives could choose to add gravel so people can use the path without stepping on nearby plants.

For Part 3, accept other reasonable choices if citizens share a need with Tribal representatives and the representatives make a choice that meets that need while caring for the land.