Rules for Everyone

How people care for a shared park

2.C.1 "Explain the importance of the basic principles that provide the foundation of the United States of America's system of government. Describe the fundamental principles of our nation's government, including liberty, equality, fair treatment..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the park rule that protects someone's property. Circle the sentence that tells why the same rules should apply to everyone.

Our Town Park

1. In our town, people share a park. Our local government makes rules to help keep it safe. The rules help protect people's freedom to meet and talk and their right to keep their own things. These freedoms matter to everyone.

2. Our park rule says everyone may use the swings. No one may take another person's bike. The same rules apply to every visitor. This is fair treatment. It helps people feel safe and welcome, even when they do not know one another.

3. Adults who can vote choose town leaders who make local rules. People pay taxes, and the town uses some tax money to care for the park. Neighbors can also pick up litter. By working together, people help protect a place everyone shares.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why is the rule about bikes important?

2. Why should the same park rules apply to every visitor?

3. How do voting and paying taxes help people care for the park?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of a class book corner. Write two sentences: Give one fair rule that protects someone's things, and explain why the rule helps everyone.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.C.1

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the park rule that protects someone's property. Circle the sentence that tells why the same rules should apply to everyone. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why is the rule about bikes important?	**It protects people's right to keep their own things.**
2	Why should the same park rules apply to every visitor?	**It is fair treatment and helps everyone feel safe and welcome.**
3	How do voting and paying taxes help people care for the park?	**Voters choose town leaders who make rules. Some tax money pays for park care.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

No one may take a classmate's book without asking. This fair rule protects people's things so everyone can feel safe in our book corner.

For the marking job, students should underline the sentence about taking another person's bike and circle the sentence about feeling safe and welcome. Accept other book-corner rules that are fair, protect someone's things, and include an explanation.