# Library Opening Clues

Use two kinds of sources to learn about the past.

**2.C.2.2** "Explain the benefits of using both primary sources (e.g., diaries, documents, photographs, artifacts, oral accounts) and secondary sources (e.g., textbooks, films, literature) to understand a past or current event."

NAME _____ DATE _____

## 1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline what Mara's diary tells you, circle what the later book tells you, and write 1 and 2 beside the sources in the order they were made.

### The Day the Library Opened

1. Long ago, the people in Pine Town opened a new library. Mara was there. In her diary, she wrote, "I carried my own book inside." A diary from someone who was there is a primary source. It shares what Mara did.

2. Years later, a writer made a book about Pine Town. The writer used old records to learn about the library. The book says the town opened it because many children needed books. This book is a secondary source. It explains why the library opened.

3. Mara's diary lets us hear one person's story from that day. The later book helps us see a reason for the whole town. Using both, we learn what Mara did that day and why the library mattered.

## 2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does Mara's diary help you learn that the later book does not tell you?

2. What does the later book help you learn that Mara's diary does not tell you?

3. Why is it helpful to use both sources to learn about the library opening?

## 3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

For a town parade long ago, imagine you find a letter written that day and a book written years later. In two sentences, tell what each source could teach you and why you would use both.

**ANSWER KEY**

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**GRADE 2 · 2.C.2.2**

## PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline what Mara's diary tells you, circle what the later book tells you, and write 1 and 2 beside the sources in the order they were made. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

## PART 2 · ANSWERS

| # | QUESTION | ANSWER |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | What does Mara's diary help you learn that the later book does not tell you? | **Mara carried her own book into the new library.** |
| 2 | What does the later book help you learn that Mara's diary does not tell you? | **The town opened the library because many children needed books.** |
| 3 | Why is it helpful to use both sources to learn about the library opening? | **The diary tells what Mara did that day, while the later book explains why the town opened the library.** |

## PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The letter might tell me what one person saw, and the book might tell why the parade took place. Together, they show one person's day and the town's reason.

For Part 1, accept the diary quote or Mara carrying her book as the underlined detail, and the children's need for books as the circled reason. For Your Turn, accept other reasonable ways the two sources could add different information about the parade.