Actions That Help

Read how three Americans helped others.

2.C.2.6 "Research biographies of notable Americans who exhibited patriotism and civic virtues by describing how each individual contributed to the welfare and betterment of the nation. Leadership (e.g., Abraham Lincoln, Chief Joseph, Rosa Parks…"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one action each person took, then circle words that show how the action helped other people.

Three Americans Who Helped

1. Rosa Parks rode a bus in Alabama in 1955. She refused to give up her seat to a white rider. She was arrested. Her brave choice helped start a bus boycott. Many people worked together to end unfair bus rules.

2. Jonas Salk was a doctor who studied polio, a disease that can make people very sick. He led a team that made a vaccine to help prevent polio. The vaccine helped protect children across the country.

3. Clara Barton cared for hurt soldiers during the Civil War. She brought food and supplies to places where soldiers needed help. Later, she started the American Red Cross. This group helps people after floods and other disasters.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How did Rosa Parks help people work toward fairer bus rules?

2. How did Jonas Salk's work help children across the country?

3. How did Clara Barton help people during the Civil War and later?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a notable American who is not in the passage. Use a book or class source to learn about that person, then write two sentences telling what the person did and how it helped people in the nation.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one action each person took, then circle words that show how the action helped other people. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Rosa Parks help people work toward fairer bus rules?	**Her refusal to give up her seat helped start a bus boycott. People worked together to end unfair bus rules.**
2	How did Jonas Salk's work help children across the country?	**He led a team that made a vaccine to help prevent polio, which helped protect children.**
3	How did Clara Barton help people during the Civil War and later?	**She brought food and supplies to hurt soldiers. Later, she started the American Red Cross, which helps people after disasters.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Mary McLeod Bethune opened a school for Black girls in Florida. Her school helped more children get an education and made the nation a fairer place.

For the markings, accept any action and matching benefit stated in each paragraph. For Part 3, accept a factually accurate action by an American not named in the passage and a clear explanation of how it helped people.