Actions That Changed Lives

Read how people in three countries helped their communities.

2.C.2.7 "Examine how people from other nations and other times made a difference in their communities around the world (e.g., Cincinnatus, Winston Churchill, Mohandas Gandhi, Nelson Mandela)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB In each paragraph, underline what a person did and circle how it helped people or their home.

People Who Made a Difference

1. Long ago in India, Britain ruled the people. Mohandas Gandhi led peaceful marches to ask for freedom. He showed people how to speak up without fighting. His actions helped India become free to make its own rules.

2. In South Africa, unfair laws kept Black people from voting. Nelson Mandela worked to end those laws. He spent many years in prison. After the laws ended, Black people could vote. Mandela became president and urged people to work together.

3. Trees were being cut down in Kenya. Wangari Maathai helped women plant millions of new trees. The trees helped keep soil in place and protect streams. Her work gave people a way to care for their land together.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How did Gandhi's actions help people in India?

2. What changed for Black people in South Africa after the laws Mandela opposed ended?

3. How did the trees Maathai helped plant make a difference in Kenya?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of a problem in your community. Write two sentences: Tell what you could do with others to help, and explain how it could make life better for people.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

In each paragraph, underline what a person did and circle how it helped people or their home. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Gandhi's actions help people in India?	**His peaceful marches helped India become free to make its own rules. He also showed people how to speak up without fighting.**
2	What changed for Black people in South Africa after the laws Mandela opposed ended?	**Black people could vote.**
3	How did the trees Maathai helped plant make a difference in Kenya?	**The trees helped keep soil in place and protect streams.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I could ask my neighbors to help pick up trash at the park. Then families would have a cleaner place to play.

For the marking job, accept actions and results that match each paragraph. For Your Turn, accept a possible group action and a clear explanation of how it would help people.