Who Makes Choices?

How people help make decisions in a town and state

2.P.1.1.A "Explain how people make decisions in a constitutional republic, using examples from their community and state."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline how people share their ideas. Circle the elected leaders who vote on choices for the town and state.

A Say in Our Choices

1. In a constitutional republic, people elect leaders to make many public decisions. A constitution sets rules for those leaders. People can share ideas with leaders, too. Leaders must follow the law when they make choices for everyone.

2. In Maple Town, families ask for a shady place to sit at the park. They tell the town council why it matters. The council members, chosen by voters, talk about the plan and vote to add a shade cover.

3. Across the state, people ask for safer school buses. Voters choose state lawmakers. The lawmakers listen to the people, talk about a bus safety bill, and vote on it. If it passes, the governor may sign it into law.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How do people help make the park choice, and who votes on it?

2. How do people help with the school bus choice, and who votes on the bill?

3. Why can't the town council or state lawmakers make any choice they want?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine people in your state want cleaner rivers. In two sentences, tell how people and elected state leaders could decide on a new rule, and name one limit on what leaders can do.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline how people share their ideas. Circle the elected leaders who vote on choices for the town and state. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How do people help make the park choice, and who votes on it?	**Families tell the town council why they want shade. Council members vote on the plan.**
2	How do people help with the school bus choice, and who votes on the bill?	**People ask for safer school buses, and state lawmakers listen to them and vote on the bill.**
3	Why can't the town council or state lawmakers make any choice they want?	**A constitution sets rules for leaders, and leaders must follow the law.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

People could ask state lawmakers for a river rule, and the lawmakers could talk and vote on a bill. They must follow the constitution's rules when they make a choice.

Accept other ways people could share ideas with elected state leaders. The response should explain a decision step and state that leaders must follow the constitution or the law.