A Path for All

How people and leaders solve a community problem

2.P.2.1 "Demonstrate an understanding of the principles of government, the benefits of democratic systems, and their responsibilities as citizens. Describe civic virtues and democratic principles such as equality, fairness..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the park problem, circle the rule the town council votes on, and put a star next to one way people can help leaders. Your marks will show how people and leaders work together.

The Park Path

1. At the town park, some children cannot reach the swings because bikes block the path. Neighbors tell the town council. Council members are elected by voters. They listen to ideas and vote on a rule to keep the path clear.

2. The new rule keeps the path safe and fair for everyone. People can still ride bikes in the park, but not on the path. A park worker reminds riders of the rule. Riders show respect by moving their bikes.

3. State lawmakers are elected and make laws for the state. Tribal governments make laws for their own communities. Many Tribal leaders are chosen by voters in their nations. People can share ideas with leaders. Speaking up helps leaders learn what people need.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why does the town council's rule help people at the park?

2. How do voters help choose leaders in the town and in many Tribal nations?

3. How is the town council's job like the job of state lawmakers?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of a problem at a place in your community other than the park. Write two sentences: name a fair rule the town council could make, then tell how you could share your idea with the council.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

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PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why does the town council's rule help people at the park?	**It keeps the path clear so people can reach the swings safely.**
2	How do voters help choose leaders in the town and in many Tribal nations?	**Voters elect town council members and choose many Tribal leaders.**
3	How is the town council's job like the job of state lawmakers?	**Both make rules or laws for the people they serve.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At the town pool, the council could make a rule that everyone takes turns on the slide. I could share my idea at a council meeting.

For the marking job, accept the blocked path as the problem, keeping the path clear as the rule, and telling leaders ideas as a way to help. For Your Turn, accept any fair rule for a different community place and a clear way to share it with the council.