The Traveling Library

Find the main idea and details in an informational text.

2.P.3.1 "Comprehend, evaluate, and synthesize textual sources to acquire and refine knowledge in the social studies. Summarize the main idea and locate supporting details of a text (e.g., primary and secondary sources)..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that best tells the main idea, then circle one detail in each paragraph that supports it.

Books on the Move

1. A bookmobile is a small library inside a bus or van. It carries books to places where people live. Some towns use bookmobiles to help people who live far from a library building find books to read.

2. A bookmobile may stop near a school, a park, or a neighborhood center. People can step inside and look along the shelves. The driver may visit the same stop each week, so readers know when to come back.

3. Readers can use a library card to borrow a book from the bookmobile. They take the book home and bring it back later. Then another reader can choose it. One book can travel to many homes.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is the main idea of the whole passage? Write one sentence.

2. Which two details in paragraph 2 show how the bookmobile helps readers find books?

3. How does the title, *Books on the Move*, help you understand the passage? Use one detail from paragraph 3.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a new heading for paragraph 1 that tells what it is mostly about. Then write one sentence explaining how a detail in that paragraph fits your heading.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.P.3.1

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that best tells the main idea, then circle one detail in each paragraph that supports it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the main idea of the whole passage? Write one sentence.	**A bookmobile brings library books to people in different places.**
2	Which two details in paragraph 2 show how the bookmobile helps readers find books?	**It may stop near a school, park, or neighborhood center. People can step inside to look at books on the shelves.**
3	How does the title, *Books on the Move*, help you understand the passage? Use one detail from paragraph 3.	**The title tells readers that books travel. Paragraph 3 says one book can travel to many homes.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A Library That Travels
A bookmobile is a library inside a bus or van, so it can carry books to people far from a library building.

For the marking job, accept "It carries books to places where people live" as the main idea sentence. Accept details that support the main idea, and accept other accurate headings that fit paragraph 1.