Neighbors Stand Together

Response and recovery after the Oklahoma City bombing

3.C.1.3.E "Explain how Oklahomans exhibit the "Oklahoma Standard" when they unite as neighbors during difficult times, including response and recovery from the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two actions people took right after the bombing, circle one action they took later, and write 1 beside each underlined action and 2 beside the circled action. Your marks will show how neighbors helped during response and recovery.

Helping in Hard Times

1. On April 19, 1995, a bomb destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. The attack killed 168 people and hurt many others. Families and neighbors faced a terrible day. Yet people across Oklahoma came together to help. Their caring actions became known as the Oklahoma Standard. It means helping others, especially when times are hard.

2. In the hours after the bombing, firefighters and other rescue workers searched the broken building for people who needed help. Nurses and doctors cared for those who were hurt. Other neighbors brought water and food for the workers. Some gave blood at local centers. Each person had a different job, but all worked toward the same goal: helping people in need.

3. Helping did not stop when the search ended. People gave money and supplies to families whose lives had changed. Others helped build a place to remember those who died. Today, the Oklahoma City National Memorial honors them. The Oklahoma Standard is more than one brave moment. It is a choice to stand beside neighbors as they recover, even when the work takes a long time.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How did rescue workers and medical workers work together to help after the bombing?

2. Why did bringing food and water for workers show the Oklahoma Standard?

3. How did people keep helping families after the search ended?

4. How did helping build a memorial show that people still cared?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a winter storm closes roads in your town. In three sentences, describe one way neighbors could help right away and one way they could help during recovery, then explain how both choices show the Oklahoma Standard.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.C.1.3.E

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

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PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did rescue workers and medical workers work together to help after the bombing?	**Rescue workers searched for people who needed help, and nurses and doctors cared for those who were hurt.**
2	Why did bringing food and water for workers show the Oklahoma Standard?	**Neighbors supported the workers who were helping people after the bombing.**
3	How did people keep helping families after the search ended?	**They gave money and supplies to families whose lives had changed.**
4	How did helping build a memorial show that people still cared?	**They helped make a place to remember and honor the people who died.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

During the storm, neighbors could check on nearby families and share warm blankets. When the roads reopen, they could help clear fallen branches from a neighbor's yard. Helping in both stages shows the Oklahoma Standard because neighbors care for one another in hard times.

Accept answers that explain how actions supported people during the response or recovery, even if students use different words from the passage. For Your Turn, look for two distinct stages of help and a clear link to neighbors caring for one another.