Care for the Creek

Read how civic traits help people work together.

3.C.1.4.A "Examine why civility, cooperation, self-reliance, and respect for the law are important civic traits that support our communities, state, nation, and Tribes."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one action that shows each trait, then write 1 for civility, 2 for cooperation, 3 for self-reliance, or 4 for respect for the law beside it.

A Cleanup at Willow Creek

1. On Saturday, neighbors gather to clean Willow Creek. The creek runs beside a town park and land cared for by a nearby Tribe. Before the work begins, Maya listens as the group leaders explain where each team may work. She speaks kindly when a younger child asks the same question twice. Her calm words help the child feel safe enough to ask for help.

2. The teams share bags and work together to pick up litter. When one bag tears, Maya finds a spare bag and moves the litter into it without waiting for someone to tell her. Her choice keeps the work moving. The leaders remind everyone that town law forbids dumping trash in the creek. Tribal governments make laws for their lands. Volunteers also follow the Tribe's rules about where they may walk on its land.

3. By noon, the creek bank is cleaner. Working together let the group move more litter than one person could. Maya's kind words helped the younger child join in. Her quick fix saved time, and following laws and rules protected places that belong to different communities. People in a town, a state, a nation, and a Tribe all benefit when neighbors act with care and follow the laws where they live or visit.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why did Maya's kind words help the cleanup?

2. How did working together help the teams?

3. Why was it helpful that Maya found a spare bag on her own?

4. Why did volunteers follow the town law and the Tribe's rules?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of a school event, such as a class book swap. In three sentences, describe two different civic traits you could show there and explain how each would help others.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.C.1.4.A

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one action that shows each trait, then write 1 for civility, 2 for cooperation, 3 for self-reliance, or 4 for respect for the law beside it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why did Maya's kind words help the cleanup?	**They helped the younger child feel safe asking for help and join in.**
2	How did working together help the teams?	**The group moved more litter than one person could.**
3	Why was it helpful that Maya found a spare bag on her own?	**Her quick fix kept the work moving and saved time.**
4	Why did volunteers follow the town law and the Tribe's rules?	**Following the law and rules protected places that belong to different communities.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At a class book swap, I would speak kindly to someone who cannot find a book, so they would feel welcome. I would help classmates sort the books, so everyone could find a book more easily. These actions show civility and cooperation.

For the marking job, accept actions such as speaking kindly, sharing bags, finding a spare bag without being told, and following the town law or the Tribe's rules. For Your Turn, accept any three sentences that name two different civic traits, give fitting actions, and explain how each action helps others.