# Ways to Serve

How citizens help in court and around town

**3.C.1.4.C** "Describe how citizens can serve their community through jury duty and community service."

NAME _____ DATE _____

## 1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline what jurors do and two things volunteers do. Circle the words that show how each kind of service helps others.

### Helping Our Community

1. A community needs people who give their time in different ways. One way is jury duty. A court may call an adult citizen to come for jury duty. Some people who are called are chosen to be jurors. A juror listens to people in court and looks at evidence. Jurors work together to decide a case. Their careful work helps people receive a fair trial.

2. Community service is work that helps people or shared places. Citizens can choose to help at a neighborhood park. They might pick up litter, pull weeds, and keep paths clear. This work gives families a cleaner place to play and walk. Children can join a park cleanup with an adult. Even a short cleanup can make a place more welcoming for neighbors.

3. A library also needs helping hands. A citizen could sort donated books so the library can share them with readers. Jury duty and these kinds of community service all take time and care. But jurors serve in a court, while volunteers serve in places like parks and libraries. People can choose to volunteer. Eligible citizens who are called for jury duty may be required to report to court.

## 2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How do jurors serve people in their community?

2. How does helping at the park serve neighbors?

3. How is reporting for jury duty different from volunteering at a park?

4. How could a citizen serve the community at the library, and who would benefit?

## 3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Invent a community service job that is not in the reading. In two or three sentences, describe what you would do and explain how it would help people.

**ANSWER KEY**

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**GRADE 3 · 3.C.1.4.C**

## PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline what jurors do and two things volunteers do. Circle the words that show how each kind of service helps others. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

## PART 2 · ANSWERS

| # | QUESTION | ANSWER |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | How do jurors serve people in their community? | **Jurors listen in court, look at evidence, and work together to decide a case. Their work helps people receive a fair trial.** |
| 2 | How does helping at the park serve neighbors? | **Picking up litter, pulling weeds, or clearing paths gives families a cleaner place to play and walk.** |
| 3 | How is reporting for jury duty different from volunteering at a park? | **Eligible citizens who are called may be required to report for jury duty. People can choose to volunteer at a park.** |
| 4 | How could a citizen serve the community at the library, and who would benefit? | **A citizen could sort donated books so the library can share them with readers.** |

## PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would help collect clean winter coats for people who need them. I would sort the coats by size so families can find one that fits. This service helps neighbors stay warm in cold weather.

Accept other accurate descriptions of how jury duty or community service helps others. For Your Turn, accept a new, practical service job with a clear explanation of whom it helps.