Oklahoma Difference Makers

Four citizens, four fields of achievement

3.C.3.3 "Describe how individuals have contributed to the development of Oklahoma by describing the achievements of notable citizens in the fields of Science and Medicine (e.g., Shannon Lucid, Thomas Stafford, Dr. Nazih Zuhdi) Technology (e.g...."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each person's name and circle words that tell what the person achieved. Use your marks to help you describe each person's contribution.

Oklahomans Who Made a Difference

1. Shannon Lucid grew up in Bethany, Oklahoma, and became an astronaut. She flew into space five times. On one trip, she lived for months on the space station Mir and helped with science experiments. Her work helped scientists learn about life in space. Lucid's flights are part of Oklahoma's science story: a girl who grew up in the state went on to explore space.

2. Maria Tallchief was born in Fairfax, Oklahoma, and was a member of the Osage Nation. She became America's first prima ballerina, a top ballet dancer. Jim Thorpe, a member of the Sac and Fox Nation, was born in what is now Oklahoma. In 1912, he won two Olympic gold medals in track and field. Their achievements brought attention to people with Oklahoma roots.

3. In Oklahoma City, Clara Luper worked to change an unfair rule. Some lunch counters would not serve Black customers. In 1958, Luper led young people to sit at a lunch counter and ask to be served. They kept returning, and the counter began serving Black customers. Luper's work helped make Oklahoma a fairer place. Like the other citizens, she used her skills to make a difference.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How did Shannon Lucid contribute to Oklahoma's science story?

2. What did Maria Tallchief achieve in the arts, and why is her achievement part of Oklahoma's story?

3. What sports achievement made Jim Thorpe, who was born in what is now Oklahoma, known to others?

4. How did Clara Luper's actions help change life in Oklahoma?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose two people from different fields in the passage. In three sentences, explain how they made different kinds of contributions and what their achievements have in common.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.C.3.3

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each person's name and circle words that tell what the person achieved. Use your marks to help you describe each person's contribution. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Shannon Lucid contribute to Oklahoma's science story?	**Lucid flew into space five times and helped with experiments that taught scientists about life in space.**
2	What did Maria Tallchief achieve in the arts, and why is her achievement part of Oklahoma's story?	**Tallchief, who was born in Oklahoma, became America's first prima ballerina.**
3	What sports achievement made Jim Thorpe, who was born in what is now Oklahoma, known to others?	**Thorpe won two Olympic gold medals in track and field in 1912.**
4	How did Clara Luper's actions help change life in Oklahoma?	**Luper led young people to ask for service at a lunch counter that excluded Black customers. The counter began serving Black customers.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Maria Tallchief showed that a dancer from Oklahoma could reach the top of ballet. Clara Luper helped make Oklahoma lunch counters fairer for Black customers. One changed the arts and the other changed daily life, but both helped open doors for others.

Accept any two people from different fields if the response accurately describes their achievements and explains a meaningful connection between their contributions.