Oil Changes Oklahoma

Read how discoveries affected work and towns, then and now.

3.C.4.3.A "Explain how Oklahoma's oil and gas discoveries (e.g., the Glenn Pool and Oklahoma City Oil Field), affected the economic well-being of many Oklahomans and continue to be a significant economic sector."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two ways oil discoveries helped people earn money in the past. Circle one way oil and gas help Oklahoma today.

From Wells to Work

1 In 1905, workers found a huge oil field called Glenn Pool near Tulsa. Oil came from deep underground, and crews drilled wells to bring it up. Companies needed people to drill, carry supplies, and build pipes. New workers bought food and other things in nearby towns. This helped shop owners earn money, too. The discovery brought jobs and more business to many Oklahomans.

2 In 1928, workers found oil beneath Oklahoma City. Wells rose near streets and buildings. The Oklahoma City Oil Field gave many people work, from well crews to truck drivers. Some landowners earned money by letting companies use their land to reach oil. Workers spent their pay at local stores. But not every family earned money from oil, and jobs could disappear when drilling slowed.

3 Oil and natural gas still matter in Oklahoma today. Natural gas is a fuel found underground, often near oil. People work at wells, repair equipment, and move oil and gas through pipes. Companies pay taxes, which help pay for public services, such as roads and schools. Oil and gas prices can go up or down, so this work does not always bring the same amount of money.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How did the Glenn Pool discovery help both workers and shop owners earn money?

2. How did the Oklahoma City Oil Field help some landowners earn money?

3. How did the two oil discoveries affect people's work in a similar way?

4. How do oil and gas help pay for public services in Oklahoma today?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence note to a town leader about why oil and gas matter to Oklahoma families. Explain how one past discovery helped people earn money, how oil and gas help today, and why the amount of money they bring in may change.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.C.4.3.A

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two ways oil discoveries helped people earn money in the past. Circle one way oil and gas help Oklahoma today. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did the Glenn Pool discovery help both workers and shop owners earn money?	**Companies hired workers, who spent money at nearby shops.**
2	How did the Oklahoma City Oil Field help some landowners earn money?	**Some landowners earned money by letting companies use their land to reach oil.**
3	How did the two oil discoveries affect people's work in a similar way?	**Both discoveries brought jobs to the area.**
4	How do oil and gas help pay for public services in Oklahoma today?	**Oil and gas companies pay taxes that help pay for services such as roads and schools.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The Glenn Pool discovery gave people jobs drilling wells and carrying supplies. Today, oil and gas companies pay taxes that help pay for roads and schools. Oil and gas prices can rise or fall, so the amount of money they bring in may change.

Accept other passage-supported examples of jobs, business income, or support for public services. For the note, look for one past effect, one present effect, and a reason oil and gas income may change.