A Place for Bikes

Read a model opinion about a community choice.

4.P.4.1.B "Clearly state an opinion through written products, supported by examples, details, and reasoning."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the writer's opinion, circle two examples that support it, and number two reasons that explain why the examples matter.

A Roof for Library Bikes

1. Our town should put a covered bike rack outside the public library. Right now, visitors can lock bikes to the small rack by the door, but rain can soak the seats. Last Tuesday, I saw two students wipe their seats with their sleeves before riding home. A roof over the rack would help riders leave the library ready to go, even after a rainy afternoon.

2. A covered rack could also help more people use a shared place. Some families ride to the library to borrow books or use computers. If their bikes stay drier, they may find it easier to visit on wet days. For example, a parent carrying a bag of books would not have to dry a bike seat before the trip home. This makes library trips simpler for riders.

3. Some neighbors might say the town has other things to buy first. That is a fair concern because public money has many uses. The town could start with a simple roof over the rack it already has, rather than build a new rack. This choice uses what is there and still helps riders. A covered rack would make the library more welcoming to people who ride bikes.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What sentence clearly states the writer's opinion?

2. Which detail in the first paragraph supports the opinion? Explain why it helps the writer's case.

3. How does the example about a parent in the second paragraph support the writer's opinion?

4. What concern does the writer recognize? How does the writer answer it?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a change you would make to a public place in your community, other than adding a covered bike rack to the library. Write one paragraph that states your opinion, gives two specific examples or details, and explains how each supports your opinion.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 4 · 4.P.4.1.B

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the writer's opinion, circle two examples that support it, and number two reasons that explain why the examples matter. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What sentence clearly states the writer's opinion?	**Our town should put a covered bike rack outside the public library.**
2	Which detail in the first paragraph supports the opinion? Explain why it helps the writer's case.	**Two students wiped wet bike seats with their sleeves. A roof could keep seats drier for riders leaving the library.**
3	How does the example about a parent in the second paragraph support the writer's opinion?	**A parent carrying books would not have to dry a bike seat before riding home. This shows how a covered rack could make library trips simpler.**
4	What concern does the writer recognize? How does the writer answer it?	**Neighbors may think the town has other things to buy first. The writer suggests adding a simple roof to the rack that is already there instead of building a new rack.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our town should put a trash can beside the entrance to the community playground. After a snack, a family could drop an empty wrapper in the can instead of carrying it across the park. This would make it easier to keep the play area clean. A trash can near the gate would also give people a place to throw away used tissues before they enter. That could mean less litter where children play.

Accept other passage details when students explain how each supports the opinion. For Part 3, look for a clear opinion about a different public-place change, two specific details, and reasoning that connects each detail to the opinion.