River Decisions

How a Tribal government uses its powers

5.C.6.4.B "Explain that Tribal governments possess powers, including the authority to determine Tribal citizenship, make and enforce laws, manage lands and natural resources, and provide for the needs of Tribal citizens."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline evidence of four Tribal government powers. Write C beside citizenship, L beside making and enforcing laws, R beside managing land and resources, and N beside meeting citizens' needs.

Caring for a River

1. Imagine a Tribal nation with a river flowing through its lands. Each spring, people gather there to fish. One year, the Tribal government notices that fewer fish are returning. Leaders listen to community members and plan ways to protect the river. A Tribal government has authority to make decisions for its nation. It does not need another group to make every choice for it.

2. First, the government sets fishing rules for waters under its authority. It can have officers enforce those rules so the fish have time to grow and return. It also manages land and natural resources. For example, it can decide which riverbanks to restore and where trees should stay to protect the water. These decisions help care for a place the community depends on.

3. The government's work also includes people. Each Tribal nation can set its own requirements for Tribal citizenship and decide whether a person meets them. Being allowed to fish is not the same as being a Tribal citizen. The government may provide for citizens' needs by offering health visits or food programs. Its choices about citizenship, laws, resources, and services are different ways it governs.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How does the Tribal nation use its authority to determine citizenship?

2. How does the government use both laws and enforcement to protect fish?

3. How do decisions about riverbanks and trees show the government's power?

4. How could health visits and food programs help the government provide for citizens' needs?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a Tribal nation near a forest creating a guide to its government. Write four sentences showing how its government could use each of the four powers, including how it decides who qualifies as a Tribal citizen. Use examples different from those in the passage.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 5 · 5.C.6.4.B

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline evidence of four Tribal government powers. Write C beside citizenship, L beside making and enforcing laws, R beside managing land and resources, and N beside meeting citizens' needs. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How does the Tribal nation use its authority to determine citizenship?	**It sets citizenship requirements and decides whether a person meets them.**
2	How does the government use both laws and enforcement to protect fish?	**It sets fishing rules for waters under its authority and has officers enforce them.**
3	How do decisions about riverbanks and trees show the government's power?	**The government manages land and natural resources by deciding which riverbanks to restore and where trees should stay.**
4	How could health visits and food programs help the government provide for citizens' needs?	**Health visits can help citizens get care, and food programs can help them get food.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The Tribal government sets citizenship requirements and reviews applications to decide who qualifies as a Tribal citizen. It makes a rule against dumping trash in the forest and has officers enforce it. It decides which forest areas to restore and how trees may be harvested. It provides a school program to meet Tribal citizens' needs.

Accept different examples that accurately show all four powers. Citizenship examples must describe deciding who qualifies as a Tribal citizen, not deciding who may use a program.