Where Accounts Agree

Compare trusted sources about the March on Washington

5.P.1.2.B "Compare points of agreement from reliable information used to answer supporting questions related to social studies content."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Read the two accounts. Underline a detail in each account about where marchers gathered, and circle a detail in each about a change marchers wanted.

Two Accounts of One March

1. On August 28, 1963, people gathered in Washington, D.C., for the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. To study this event, ask: Where did marchers gather? What changes did they seek? How did they share their message? The National Park Service and the Smithsonian Institution offer information about the march. Both are trusted public institutions that study and share evidence about United States history.

2. The National Park Service explains that the march took place in Washington, D.C., on August 28, 1963. Marchers gathered near the Lincoln Memorial. They called for equal rights and better job opportunities for Black Americans. At the memorial, speakers addressed a huge crowd. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech there. The park service preserves the memorial and shares its history.

3. The Smithsonian Institution describes the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom as a gathering in the nation's capital on August 28, 1963. It says marchers wanted fair jobs and an end to racial discrimination. People met at the Lincoln Memorial, where leaders spoke to the crowd. The Smithsonian studies objects and records from the past to tell the story of this major civil rights event.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What date do both accounts give for the march?

2. Where do both accounts say marchers gathered?

3. What do both accounts say marchers wanted for workers?

4. How do the accounts agree about the change marchers wanted in racial fairness?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

A visitor asks, "What happened at the Lincoln Memorial during the march?" Write three sentences that compare what the two accounts say about how people shared their message and explain how their agreement answers the visitor's question.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Read the two accounts. Underline a detail in each account about where marchers gathered, and circle a detail in each about a change marchers wanted. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What date do both accounts give for the march?	**Both give August 28, 1963.**
2	Where do both accounts say marchers gathered?	**Both place marchers at or near the Lincoln Memorial.**
3	What do both accounts say marchers wanted for workers?	**Both say marchers wanted better or fair jobs.**
4	How do the accounts agree about the change marchers wanted in racial fairness?	**The National Park Service says marchers wanted equal rights; the Smithsonian says they wanted an end to racial discrimination.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The National Park Service says speakers addressed a large crowd at the Lincoln Memorial. The Smithsonian Institution also says leaders spoke to the crowd there. Their agreement shows that people heard speeches at the memorial during the march.

Accept near or at the Lincoln Memorial for location. For racial fairness, accept answers that connect equal rights with ending racial discrimination.