One Building, Many Views

Use varied sources to plan a fair presentation.

8.P.4.2.C "Organize and create presentations or products using research from a variety of formats and encompassing different points of view."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each source format, circle claims that support different uses for the building, and number two pieces of evidence in the order you would present them to help an audience compare the views.

What Should Cedar Junction Build?

1. In the fictional town of Cedar Junction, a closed fire station sits beside a busy bus stop. The council must decide whether to turn it into a teen study center or a daytime cooling center during extreme heat. A survey of 120 middle and high school students found that 84 wanted a place to study after school. The survey did not ask older residents or people who do not attend school. A budget memo says both plans have similar renovation costs, but it does not estimate yearly staffing costs.

2. At a public meeting, student speaker Nia Ortiz said the library closes before her evening bus arrives, so a study center would offer a safe place to wait and work. A printed transcript records her words but cannot show how many students share her problem. In a recorded interview, bus driver Mr. Chen described riders seeking shade during hot afternoons. He supports the cooling center, especially for older riders. His interview tells one person's experience, not how often riders need shelter. Neither account describes what would happen if the fire station stayed closed.

3. A local newspaper article describes a third option: open the building as a cooling center during the day and a study center after school. The reporter quotes a volunteer who likes the shared plan and a council member who worries about paying staff for longer hours. The article summarizes the debate, but the council has not priced the shared plan. The council will vote next month. Until then, residents can submit written comments and read the survey, budget memo, meeting transcript, interview, and article at the town office.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which two source formats would you place side by side to show why a student and some bus riders want different uses for the building? Give one detail from each.

2. For an opening slide about demand for a study center, which source would you use? What limitation should appear on the slide?

3. How could you use the newspaper article and budget memo together to explain a concern about the shared plan?

4. Which source could you feature to present both support and concern about the shared plan? How would you state each view fairly?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a five-sentence script for a town council presentation recommending one option. Use evidence from two different source formats, fairly describe a competing view, and point out one unanswered question before the vote.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each source format, circle claims that support different uses for the building, and number two pieces of evidence in the order you would present them to help an audience compare the views. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which two source formats would you place side by side to show why a student and some bus riders want different uses for the building? Give one detail from each.	**The meeting transcript records Nia's need for a place to wait and study after the library closes. The recorded interview explains that Mr. Chen sees riders seeking shade and supports a cooling center, especially for older riders.**
2	For an opening slide about demand for a study center, which source would you use? What limitation should appear on the slide?	**Use the survey: 84 of 120 students wanted a place to study. Note that it did not ask older residents or people who do not attend school.**
3	How could you use the newspaper article and budget memo together to explain a concern about the shared plan?	**The article reports a council member's concern about staffing the building for longer hours. The memo covers renovation costs but does not estimate yearly staffing costs, so it cannot settle that concern.**
4	Which source could you feature to present both support and concern about the shared plan? How would you state each view fairly?	**Feature the newspaper article. A volunteer likes using the building for both purposes, while a council member worries about the cost of staffing it for longer hours.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Council members, I recommend opening the station as a study center after school. A survey of 120 students found that 84 want a place to study, though it left out people who do not attend school. In the meeting transcript, Nia Ortiz explains that the library closes before her evening bus arrives. In a recorded interview, bus driver Mr. Chen favors a cooling center for riders, especially older riders, and their need deserves attention. Before voting, the council should find out the yearly staffing costs of each plan.

Accept any recommended option supported by evidence from at least two distinct source formats. The five-sentence script should represent a competing view accurately and identify a question the passage leaves unanswered.