One Street, Two Views

Compare how writers use the same facts to argue for different decisions.

TOT.P.3.2.B "Evaluate the author's point of view, potential bias, and how authors can reach different conclusions regarding the same issue."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the two facts both writers use. Circle each writer's proposed decision, then write 1 beside a phrase showing what Ortiz values and 2 beside a phrase showing what Price values.

Part 1 READ AND MARK: The Cedar Street Trial

1. In the fictional town of Grayhaven, the council tested a protected bike lane on Cedar Street for eight weeks. Workers used movable barriers to separate bicycles from cars and removed 12 curbside parking spaces. At a nearby bridge, a counter recorded an average of 120 bicycle trips per weekday before the trial and 180 during it. The counter did not identify who rode or why they chose that route. The council also collected comments from residents and shop owners, but it did not measure changes in store sales. After the trial, two local writers argued over whether to keep the lane.

2. Maya Ortiz, who cycles to her shift at the hospital, wrote a letter supporting the lane. She cited the rise from 120 to 180 weekday bicycle trips at the bridge as evidence that more people used this route by bike. Ortiz acknowledged the loss of 12 parking spaces but argued that a safer path was worth the trade-off. She described passing a student riding beside heavy traffic before the barriers went up. Her letter called for a permanent lane, although the bridge count alone could not show whether riders felt safer or whether traffic became less dangerous.

3. Daniel Price, who owns a repair shop on Cedar Street, wrote a column opposing a permanent lane. He also noted the increase from 120 to 180 weekday bicycle trips at the bridge. Still, he questioned whether eight weeks of counts could justify a lasting street change. Price focused on the same 12 lost parking spaces, reporting that several customers told him they had trouble finding a place to park. He called for restoring the spaces until the council gathered stronger evidence about effects on businesses. His customers' comments describe experiences, but they do not establish whether the lane changed sales.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1 Part 2 QUESTIONS, 1. How does each writer use the bridge count to support a different decision?

2 2. How does each writer treat the loss of 12 parking spaces, and what does that suggest about their priorities?

3 3. How might each writer's connection to Cedar Street shape the evidence they emphasize?

4 4. Do Price's customer comments establish that the lane hurt shop sales? Explain using the passage.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Part 3 YOUR TURN: Write a 60 to 90 word statement as a council member deciding whether to extend the trial for eight more weeks. Use both shared facts, explain how another council member could interpret one fact differently, and name information that could change your mind.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

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PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Part 2 QUESTIONS, 1. How does each writer use the bridge count to support a different decision?	**Ortiz treats the increase in bicycle trips as a reason to keep the lane. Price acknowledges the increase but argues that eight weeks of counts do not justify making the lane permanent.**
2	2. How does each writer treat the loss of 12 parking spaces, and what does that suggest about their priorities?	**Ortiz accepts the lost spaces as a trade-off for a safer path. Price emphasizes customers' parking difficulties and wants the spaces restored while business effects are studied.**
3	3. How might each writer's connection to Cedar Street shape the evidence they emphasize?	**As a cyclist, Ortiz may pay particular attention to riding conditions. As a shop owner, Price may pay particular attention to customer parking and possible business effects.**
4	4. Do Price's customer comments establish that the lane hurt shop sales? Explain using the passage.	**No. The comments report trouble finding parking, but the council did not measure changes in store sales.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would extend the Cedar Street trial for eight more weeks. The bridge counter recorded 120 weekday bicycle trips before the trial and 180 during it, which suggests more riders used the route. The trial also removed 12 parking spaces. Another council member might see that loss as too costly for nearby shops, even with more riders. I would ask for comparable sales figures from before and during the trial, since customer comments alone cannot show how the lane affected business.

For Part 1, accept either writer's explicit recommendation as a circled decision and phrases about safer riding or customer parking as numbered clues. For Part 3, accept either decision if the response uses both shared facts, considers another interpretation, and identifies information that could affect the decision.