After Sunset

Read a town debate through three viewpoints.

7.RI.10.c "Read widely to understand diverse perspectives and viewpoints."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each person's name and underline a reason that person gives for their view. Number two places where their priorities differ.

Lights Beside Willow Creek

1 At a town meeting, residents discussed adding lamps to a basketball court beside Willow Creek. Right now, the court closes at sunset because players cannot see the lines or each other. Amira, a seventh grader, said many students have chores or practices before dinner. She wants the court open later so they have a free place to play. She also said that brighter lights do not have to shine all night. A timer, she suggested, could turn them off after the last game.

2 Mr. Chen lives across the street from the court. He likes hearing people play there, but he worries that new lamps might shine into his bedroom. He asked for shields that direct light toward the court rather than nearby homes. Mr. Chen also wants residents to have a way to report stray light if the lamps are installed. He agrees with Amira that a timer would help, although he would set it to turn the lamps off earlier than she would. For him, quiet evenings at home matter too.

3 Priya helps count birds near the creek. She explained that some birds migrate at night and that artificial light can disorient them. She supports using a timer but wants the town to check whether birds avoid the area after the lamps are installed. A planning group offered a first proposal: shielded lamps that switch off at nine o'clock. Amira welcomed the chance for evening games, while Mr. Chen said he would still want a way to report stray light. Priya said the proposal did not include a plan to check on birds.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How do Amira and Mr. Chen both view a timer, and where do their priorities differ?

2. Mr. Chen and Priya both have concerns about the lamps. What different reasons does each give?

3. What part of Priya's request is missing from the planning group's first proposal, and why does she want it?

4. Which two people support a timer for different reasons? Explain each person's reason.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Suggest one new step the town could take that is not in the planning group's first proposal. In four or five sentences, explain how your step responds to two different viewpoints from the passage and name one question the town still needs to investigate.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle each person's name and underline a reason that person gives for their view. Number two places where their priorities differ. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How do Amira and Mr. Chen both view a timer, and where do their priorities differ?	**Both think a timer would help. Amira wants later access to the court, while Mr. Chen would turn the lamps off earlier to protect evenings at home.**
2	Mr. Chen and Priya both have concerns about the lamps. What different reasons does each give?	**Mr. Chen worries about light reaching nearby homes. Priya worries that artificial light could disorient migrating birds.**
3	What part of Priya's request is missing from the planning group's first proposal, and why does she want it?	**The proposal has no plan to check whether birds avoid the area after installation. Priya wants the town to learn whether the lamps affect birds near the creek.**
4	Which two people support a timer for different reasons? Explain each person's reason.	**Amira supports a timer so games can continue after sunset without lights staying on all night. Priya supports one because limiting nighttime light could reduce its effects on birds.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The town could try the lamps for two weeks and ask court users and neighbors to record what they notice. Amira could report whether the hours give students enough time to play. Mr. Chen could report whether light reaches his bedroom. Before keeping the lamps, the town should also investigate whether birds avoid the creek during the trial.

Accept answers that accurately connect each viewpoint to a reason in the passage. For Your Turn, the new step must go beyond the first proposal of shielded lamps that switch off at nine o'clock.