

Book Box Connections

Connect a community story to life, texts, and society.

3.6.E “make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline a detail that connects to someone’s personal experience, circle a detail that connects to another text, and write 1 beside a detail that shows how the box helps the community.

The Book Box

- ① At Maple Street Park, a wooden box stood beside the bench near the playground. A sign said, “Take a book. Leave a book.” On Saturday, Maya placed a mystery book inside. Mr. Lee, her neighbor, chose it for his long bus ride. He later returned the book with a note: “I liked the surprising ending.”
- ② Maya remembered borrowing comics from her cousin during summer. Sharing the mystery book made her feel as if she were passing along a favorite joke. She also remembered a story her class read about children who built a book cart for a hospital. In both places, books traveled from one reader to another and brought people together.
- ③ By fall, the box held books in English and Spanish, plus a cookbook and a book about birds. People who had never spoken began talking at the bench about what they were reading. Maya saw that a small shared space could help neighbors meet, trade ideas, and find stories they might not be able to buy.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What personal memory does Maya connect to sharing the mystery book?

2 What other text does Maya remember? How is it like the book box?

3 What change at the bench shows that the book box helps the community?

4 What shared idea connects the book box and the hospital book cart?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly three sentences about the passage. In the first sentence, connect the book box to your own experience. In the second, connect it to another book, story, or article. In the third, explain how a free book box could help society.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline a detail that connects to someone's personal experience, circle a detail that connects to another text, and write 1 beside a detail that shows how the box helps the community. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What personal memory does Maya connect to sharing the mystery book?	She remembers borrowing comics from her cousin during summer.
2	What other text does Maya remember? How is it like the book box?	She remembers a story about children who built a hospital book cart. Both places pass books from one reader to another and bring people together.
3	What change at the bench shows that the book box helps the community?	People who had never spoken began talking about what they were reading.
4	What shared idea connects the book box and the hospital book cart?	Sharing books can help people connect with one another.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The book box reminds me of lending my animal book to my brother because I wanted him to enjoy it. It connects to Last Stop on Market Street because both show people caring for others in their community. In society, a free book box can give families more chances to read when buying books is hard.

Accept equivalent details and ideas supported by the passage. For the open response, accept different personal and text connections when all three sentences address the required connection types.