

Garden Team Stories

Track how each character affects Lina's garden goal.

3.8.B "explain the relationships among the major and minor characters;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline Lina's name each time it appears, circle each other character's name, and number 1, 2, or 3 beside a place where that character affects Lina's work or choice. This will help you see how the characters are connected.

Beans for Our Soup

- ① On Saturday, Lina hurried to the community garden with a packet of bean seeds. She wanted to grow vegetables for the fall soup sale. At the gate, Mr. Chen, the garden keeper, pointed to an empty bed near the fence. He showed Lina how to loosen the soil, then left to water the tomato plants. Lina began planting in neat rows.
- ② Soon, Lina's neighbor Omar arrived carrying a small sign he had painted. It said, "Lina's Beans for Soup." Lina frowned because she did not want her name on the sign. Omar listened as she explained that the garden belonged to everyone. Together, they changed the words to "Beans for Our Soup." Omar placed the sign beside the bed, and Lina smiled.
- ③ Later, Lina noticed that dry leaves covered the new seeds. Her little brother, Nico, had been raking nearby and did not see the bed. He looked worried when Lina called him over. Mr. Chen reminded Lina that Nico was still learning the garden paths. Lina asked Nico to help brush away the leaves. Nico worked carefully, and the seeds were safe again.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Who is the major character? Give two details that show why this character is major.

2 How are Lina and Omar connected? How does Omar's action help Lina's goal?

3 How is Mr. Chen's relationship with Lina different from Nico's relationship with Lina?

4 Why are Mr. Chen, Omar, and Nico minor characters instead of major characters?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly 3 sentences comparing Omar and Nico. Tell how each is connected to Lina and how each affects her garden work, using details from the passage.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline Lina's name each time it appears, circle each other character's name, and number 1, 2, or 3 beside a place where that character affects Lina's work or choice. This will help you see how the characters are connected. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Who is the major character? Give two details that show why this character is major.	Lina is the major character. The story follows her goal of growing beans for the soup sale and shows her choices about the sign and the covered seeds.
2	How are Lina and Omar connected? How does Omar's action help Lina's goal?	Lina and Omar are neighbors. Omar makes a sign and changes it with Lina so it includes everyone who will benefit from the soup.
3	How is Mr. Chen's relationship with Lina different from Nico's relationship with Lina?	Mr. Chen is a garden keeper who guides Lina, while Nico is Lina's younger brother. Mr. Chen teaches and reminds Lina, while Nico needs help after accidentally covering the seeds.
4	Why are Mr. Chen, Omar, and Nico minor characters instead of major characters?	They are minor characters because each appears to help, teach, or cause a problem for Lina. The story is mainly about Lina and her garden goal.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Omar is Lina's neighbor, and he helps her make the soup-sale sign include everyone. Nico is Lina's little brother, and he helps fix the seed bed after covering it with leaves. Omar supports Lina's community idea, while Nico needs Lina's patient guidance before he can help.

Accept responses that identify Lina as the major character and explain that the other characters affect her goal, choices, or work. For the open task, accept three sentences that accurately compare Omar and Nico using passage details.