

# Harbor Point Choices

Trace how a community setting shapes what characters value.

**8.7.D** "explain how the setting influences the values and beliefs of characters."

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 READ AND MARK \_\_\_\_\_ Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline two details about Harbor Point, circle words that show what Maya or her father values or believes, and number matching details and beliefs with the same number.

### The Saturday Flyer

- ① At 5:30 each morning, Maya crossed the silent streets of Harbor Point with her father. The town's fishing boats left before sunrise, and every family depended on the catch. Salt wind pushed against Maya's jacket as she carried a crate of ice to the dock. At school, students often arrived late during storm season because they had helped repair nets or unload supplies. No one called this work unusual. In Harbor Point, being useful to the crew mattered as much as earning a high grade.
- ② One October afternoon, Maya saw a flyer for a robotics workshop in the city. She loved building small machines, and the workshop met on Saturday, the same day her family planned to mend storm-damaged nets. Her teacher said the workshop could lead to a scholarship. Maya folded the flyer into her pocket instead of showing it at dinner. She believed leaving the dock when her family needed her would be selfish. Yet the idea of designing a machine that could sort fish safely stayed with her through the evening.
- ③ Before dawn on Saturday, Maya placed the flyer beside her father's coffee mug. She explained that she could attend the morning workshop and return before the boats came in. Her father studied the storm clouds, then nodded. He had grown up believing that each person protected the town by doing a share of the work. After a pause, he said new tools might protect workers, too. Maya biked to the bus stop, carrying her notebook and promising to help at the dock when she returned.

**2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE** \_\_\_\_\_ Use the passage

**1** What does Harbor Point's fishing-town setting lead people to value? Use one detail from the passage in your answer.

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**2** How does storm season influence the way Harbor Point students think about school and work?

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**3** Why does Maya hide the robotics flyer at first? Explain how her setting shapes her belief.

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**4** How does Maya's father show that the town's setting has shaped his beliefs? How does his thinking change?

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**3 YOUR TURN** \_\_\_\_\_ Your own words

Write a three-sentence scene about a character in a setting unlike Harbor Point. Include two setting details, then explain how one detail shapes the character's value or belief and a choice the character makes.

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**PART 1 • READ AND MARK**

Underline two details about Harbor Point, circle words that show what Maya or her father values or believes, and number matching details and beliefs with the same number. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

**PART 2 • ANSWERS**

| # | QUESTION                                                                                                            | ANSWER                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 1 | What does Harbor Point's fishing-town setting lead people to value? Use one detail from the passage in your answer. | <b>People value helping the crew and meeting family responsibilities. Every family depends on the catch, and students help repair nets or unload supplies.</b>                        |
| 2 | How does storm season influence the way Harbor Point students think about school and work?                          | <b>Storm season makes students see helping with fishing work as necessary, even when it causes them to arrive late to school.</b>                                                     |
| 3 | Why does Maya hide the robotics flyer at first? Explain how her setting shapes her belief.                          | <b>Because her family needs help mending nets, Maya believes leaving the dock for the workshop would be selfish.</b>                                                                  |
| 4 | How does Maya's father show that the town's setting has shaped his beliefs? How does his thinking change?           | <b>He believes everyone must do a share of the work to protect the town. He later recognizes that new tools could also protect workers, so he allows Maya to attend the workshop.</b> |

**PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)**

In a desert town where water arrived by truck once a week, Nia's family stored every drop in covered barrels. Because waste could leave neighbors without enough water, Nia believed sharing was a responsibility, not a favor. She gave her extra bottle to a new student and taught him how to refill it at the community tap.

Accept responses that connect a specific setting detail to a character's value, belief, or decision. For the open task, look for two setting details and a clear explanation of how the setting influences the character.