

Libraries Build Communities

Trace how people and ideas changed communities over time.

3.1.A “describe how individuals, events, and ideas have changed communities, past and present;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the names of people, circle ideas or events that changed communities, and write 1, 2, and 3 beside three results of those changes.

Sharing Books, Building Community

- ① In 1731, Benjamin Franklin and his friends started the Library Company of Philadelphia. At that time, books cost a lot of money. Members paid a fee, and they could borrow books instead of buying every book. Franklin's idea of sharing books gave more people in the city a chance to read, learn, and discuss new ideas.
- ② Years later, Andrew Carnegie used some of his wealth to help towns build public libraries. Beginning in 1881, he gave money for library buildings, but towns had to provide the land and pay to run the library. This plan changed many communities. A library became a place where children and adults could use books, attend programs, and meet neighbors.
- ③ Public libraries still change communities today. Librarians choose books, teach people how to use computers, and plan story times. Volunteers may deliver books to people who cannot travel to the library. When neighbors use these services, they can learn skills, find information, and spend time together. One old idea, sharing resources, continues to shape community life.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did Benjamin Franklin's idea change Philadelphia?

2 How did Andrew Carnegie and the towns work together to build libraries?

3 Describe one way libraries helped communities in the past and one way they help communities today.

4 Which people help libraries change communities today, and what does each group do?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Think of one person, event, or idea that could change your community. Write three sentences that name it, describe the change, and explain how people would benefit.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the names of people, circle ideas or events that changed communities, and write 1, 2, and 3 beside three results of those changes. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Benjamin Franklin's idea change Philadelphia?	It let members borrow shared books, so more people could read, learn, and discuss ideas.
2	How did Andrew Carnegie and the towns work together to build libraries?	Carnegie gave money for library buildings. Towns provided the land and paid to run the libraries.
3	Describe one way libraries helped communities in the past and one way they help communities today.	In the past, libraries helped people borrow books and read. Today, they also offer services such as computer help, story times, and book delivery.
4	Which people help libraries change communities today, and what does each group do?	Librarians choose books, teach computer use, and plan story times. Volunteers may deliver books to people who cannot travel to the library.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A group of neighbors could start a seed-sharing garden at the community center. People could take seeds and grow vegetables at home. This idea could give families fresh food and bring neighbors together.

Accept answers that accurately connect a person, event, or idea to a specific community change described in the passage. For Your Turn, accept any plausible community change with a clear benefit and all three requested parts.