

Community Shapers

Read how three people used their skills to improve communities.

3.1.B “identify individuals, including Pierre-Charles L'Enfant, Benjamin Banneker, and Benjamin Franklin, who have helped to shape communities; and”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each person's name. Circle the words that tell what the person did to shape a community, so you can connect each individual to an action.

People Who Made a Difference

- ① In 1791, President George Washington asked Pierre-Charles L'Enfant to plan the new national capital. L'Enfant designed broad streets, public squares, and spaces for important buildings. He wanted the city to be useful and beautiful. His plan helped shape Washington, D.C. Many streets and open spaces in the city still follow ideas from his plan today.
- ② Benjamin Banneker was a skilled mathematician and astronomer. In 1791, he worked with Andrew Ellicott's survey team as it measured the land for the new federal district. This district became Washington, D.C. Banneker used careful observations and calculations to help the team. His work supported the beginning of a community where the nation's government would meet.
- ③ Benjamin Franklin helped improve Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he lived. He helped start a lending library, so more people could borrow books. He also helped organize a volunteer fire company to protect homes and businesses. Franklin worked with other people to solve community needs. Like L'Enfant and Banneker, he used his skills to help shape a place where people lived and worked.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did Pierre-Charles L'Enfant help shape Washington, D.C.?

2 What job did Benjamin Banneker do for the new federal district?

3 Name two ways Benjamin Franklin helped the Philadelphia community.

4 How were all three individuals alike in the way they shaped communities?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write two sentences about a real person who has helped shape your community. Name the person, tell what the person did, and explain how it helped people.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each person's name. Circle the words that tell what the person did to shape a community, so you can connect each individual to an action. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Pierre-Charles L'Enfant help shape Washington, D.C.?	He planned the new national capital with broad streets, public squares, and spaces for important buildings.
2	What job did Benjamin Banneker do for the new federal district?	He worked with Andrew Ellicott's survey team as it measured the land.
3	Name two ways Benjamin Franklin helped the Philadelphia community.	He helped start a lending library and helped organize a volunteer fire company.
4	How were all three individuals alike in the way they shaped communities?	Each used skills and work to help improve or build a community.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Jane Addams helped open Hull House in Chicago, where people could find classes and services. Her work gave many neighbors support and a place to learn.

Accept answers that correctly connect each named individual to an action from the passage. For Your Turn, accept any real person and a clear explanation of how that person's action helped a community.