

Community Change Makers

See how people, events, and ideas shape places.

3.1 "History. The student understands how individuals, events, and ideas have influenced the history of various communities. The student is expected to: describe how individuals, events, and ideas have changed communities, past and present..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each person's name and circle each event or idea that changed a community. Use your marks to notice what caused each change.

People Who Shaped Communities

- ① Long ago, Benjamin Franklin saw needs in Philadelphia. He helped start a lending library, a fire company, and a hospital. These ideas brought neighbors together to share books, fight fires, and care for sick people. Franklin showed that one person's ideas and work can make a community safer and more helpful for everyone who lived there.
- ② After the American Revolution, the Founding Fathers created a new national government. An important event followed: leaders chose land beside the Potomac River for a new capital city. Pierre-Charles L'Enfant made a plan with wide streets, open spaces, and places for important buildings. Benjamin Banneker helped survey the land's boundaries. Their work helped create Washington, D.C.
- ③ In the late 1700s, Daniel Boone helped blaze a trail through Cumberland Gap to Kentucky. Many settlers used the Wilderness Road to reach land west of the mountains. New settlements grew along the route. Communities still change today when people act on ideas, such as opening a community garden or building a playground. Individuals, events, and ideas can change where people live and how they live.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did Benjamin Franklin's ideas change Philadelphia?

2 What important event helped create Washington, D.C.? How did it change the land there?

3 How did Pierre-Charles L'Enfant and Benjamin Banneker each help create the new capital city?

4 How did Daniel Boone help communities expand west of the mountains?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Think of a real or imagined change that could happen in a community. Write three sentences that name the person, event, or idea causing the change and describe how the community would change.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each person's name and circle each event or idea that changed a community. Use your marks to notice what caused each change. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Benjamin Franklin's ideas change Philadelphia?	He helped start a lending library, fire company, and hospital. These services helped people share books, fight fires, and care for sick people.
2	What important event helped create Washington, D.C.? How did it change the land there?	Leaders chose land beside the Potomac River for a new capital city. The land was planned and developed into Washington, D.C.
3	How did Pierre-Charles L'Enfant and Benjamin Banneker each help create the new capital city?	L'Enfant made a plan for streets, open spaces, and important buildings. Banneker helped survey the land's boundaries.
4	How did Daniel Boone help communities expand west of the mountains?	He helped blaze a trail through Cumberland Gap to Kentucky. Settlers used the Wilderness Road, and new settlements grew along it.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A student group starts a free book shelf at the community center. Their idea gives families a place to share books. The center becomes a place where more children can find stories to read.

Accept answers that correctly connect a person, event, or idea to a community change described in the passage. For Your Turn, accept a realistic past, present, or possible future change with a clear cause and effect.