

Communities Meet Needs

Read how communities form and serve the people who live there.

3.2 "History. The student understands common characteristics of communities, past and present. The student is expected to: identify reasons people have formed communities, including a need for security and laws, religious freedom..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each reason people have formed communities in paragraph 1. In paragraphs 2 and 3, number one example of each need: 1 government, 2 education, 3 communication, 4 transportation, and 5 recreation.

Why Communities Grow

- ① People form communities for important reasons. In the past, families often settled near one another for security. Neighbors could help protect homes and share warnings about danger. Communities also made laws to settle problems and keep order. Some groups moved to places where they could follow their religion freely. Others chose places with good soil, jobs, or trade so families could earn what they needed.
- ② A local community meets daily needs in many ways. A city council or town board makes local rules and plans services. Schools teach children. Libraries, phones, and internet services help people share information. Streets, buses, and sidewalks help people travel. Parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers give people places to play, exercise, and gather with friends each day.
- ③ Other communities may meet the same needs differently. In a rural area, a county government may serve homes spread far apart. Children may ride a bus longer distances to school. People may drive cars because buses are limited. In a large city, many people use subways or buses, and apartment buildings may stand near parks, libraries, and schools. Both communities need rules, learning, messages, travel, and fun.

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ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

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What are two reasons people have formed communities?

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How does a local community meet needs for communication and recreation?

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How can government in a rural area be different from government in a local town or city?

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Compare transportation in a rural area and a large city.

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YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose your community and a different community you know about. Complete the table to show one way each community meets each need.

NEED	YOUR COMMUNITY	ANOTHER COMMUNITY

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each reason people have formed communities in paragraph 1. In paragraphs 2 and 3, number one example of each need: 1 government, 2 education, 3 communication, 4 transportation, and 5 recreation. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What are two reasons people have formed communities?	Answers may include security, laws and order, religious freedom, and material well-being through soil, jobs, or trade.
2	How does a local community meet needs for communication and recreation?	Libraries, phones, and internet services help people communicate. Parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers provide places for recreation.
3	How can government in a rural area be different from government in a local town or city?	A rural county government may serve homes that are spread far apart, while a city council or town board makes local rules and plans services.
4	Compare transportation in a rural area and a large city.	In a rural area, people may drive cars because buses are limited. In a large city, many people use subways or buses.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

NEED	YOUR COMMUNITY	ANOTHER COMMUNITY
Government	A town council makes local rules.	A county board makes rules for rural areas.
Education	Children can walk to a nearby school.	Students ride buses to a central school.
Communication	The library provides internet access.	Families use phones and internet service.
Transportation	Sidewalks and city buses help people travel.	Most families drive on country roads.
Recreation	A playground gives children a place to play.	A community field is used for games.

Accept any two passage-based reasons in Question 1. For the table, accept accurate examples that compare ways two communities meet all five listed needs, even when the ways are similar.