

Park Plan Voices

Use evidence, sources, and respectful language to support a community idea.

5.25 "Social studies skills. The student communicates in written, oral, and visual forms. The student is expected to: use social studies terminology correctly; incorporate main and supporting ideas in verbal and written communication..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline Maya's position, number 1 and 2 beside the two facts that support it, and draw a box around the sentence that respectfully acknowledges another perspective. Circle the terms *city council* and *bibliography*.

Maya's Written Comment

- ① At a town meeting, Maya prepared a short written comment about an empty lot near her school. She wanted the city council to create a public park there. Before writing, she researched the lot at the library and interviewed her neighbor, Mr. Chen, who has lived nearby for 30 years and remembers its busy past.
- ② In her comment, Maya wrote, "The council should choose a park because children need a safe place to play." Her research showed that the nearest playground is two miles away. Mr. Chen explained that families once used the lot for community events. Maya included both facts in her outline before drafting her comment for the meeting.
- ③ Maya also recognized another perspective. She wrote, "Some residents want shops on the lot because shops could bring jobs." Then she explained that a park could also support nearby businesses by bringing visitors. At the end, her bibliography listed the library report and her interview with Mr. Chen. Her conclusion asked council members to consider the park plan.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What position does Maya support? Write her position in your own words.

2 What are the two facts Maya used to support her position?

3 What other perspective did Maya respectfully acknowledge, and what reason did she give for it?

4 What two sources did Maya list in her bibliography?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a four-sentence comment to a school board or city council about one local change you want. State your position, give two supporting details from a source or your experience, and respectfully acknowledge a different perspective. Add a bibliography line naming one source.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline Maya's position, number 1 and 2 beside the two facts that support it, and draw a box around the sentence that respectfully acknowledges another perspective. Circle the terms *city council* and *bibliography*. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What position does Maya support? Write her position in your own words.	Maya supports creating a public park on the empty lot.
2	What are the two facts Maya used to support her position?	The nearest playground is two miles away, and families once used the lot for community events.
3	What other perspective did Maya respectfully acknowledge, and what reason did she give for it?	She acknowledged that some residents want shops on the lot because shops could bring jobs.
4	What two sources did Maya list in her bibliography?	She listed the library report and her interview with Mr. Chen.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The school board should keep the library open after school two days each week. I often wait outside for my ride, and the library would give students a safe place to read or finish homework. In an interview, Ms. Lopez, the librarian, said that 24 students asked about later hours last month. Some people may worry about the cost, but volunteers could help staff the program. Bibliography: Lopez, Ana. Personal interview. 4 September 2026.

Accept equivalent wording for Maya's position, evidence, and sources. For the open response, look for a clear position, two relevant supporting details, a respectful acknowledgment of another view, and a named source.