Author's Purpose

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the best answer.

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Maple Park has a pond, a playground, and a long walking path. Last week, our class walked the path and counted forty pieces of trash. We found bottles near the pond and wrappers under the slide.

We think a clean park is a better park for everyone. Trash can hurt the ducks that swim in the pond. Broken glass can cut a child's hand or a dog's paw.

The town will give out gloves and trash bags. Just bring a water bottle and wear old shoes. The work will take about one hour, and families can work as a team.

Please come and help us make Maple Park shine! We hope to see you there.

Your friends in Room 14 at Pine Hill School

1. Which sentence tells the class's opinion?
   We will meet by the swings at nine o'clock.
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   We found bottles near the pond and wrappers under the slide.

2. Which detail helps the author show that the park needs cleaning?
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3. Why did the author include the paragraph that starts with "We think"?
   to tell what to bring on Saturday morning
   to give reasons the trash should be picked up
   to tell when and where to meet at the park

4. How is this letter different from a text that only teaches facts?
   It asks readers to do something.
   It has talking animals in it.
   It explains how parks are built.

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