Write From Text Evidence

Grade 4 Writing Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the claim that the text supports.

READ THIS FIRST

Cooler Streets (fictional)

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Elm Street is lined with tall oak trees. Their branches reach over the sidewalk and part of the road. Pine Street has only a few small trees, planted two years ago.

Last July, a fourth-grade class decided to measure the difference. On three sunny afternoons, students checked the temperature of the sidewalk. They tested the same spots each day at two o'clock.

The results surprised them. On Pine Street, the sidewalk reached about 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Under the oaks on Elm Street, the sidewalk stayed near 90 degrees. The air felt cooler there too, though the difference was smaller.

The students read about why this happens. Leaves block sunlight before it reaches the ground. Trees also release water through tiny holes in their leaves. As that water dries, it cools the air nearby, much like sweat cools your skin.

The class shared its results at a town meeting. Several neighbors on Pine Street asked the town to plant more trees. Not everyone agreed right away. One resident pointed out that tree roots can crack sidewalks. The town's budget officer said each new tree costs about three hundred dollars. Young trees also need water every week for their first two summers.

The town council listened to both sides. In the end, it voted to plant twenty new trees on Pine Street. Residents offered to help water them. The council also picked trees with deep roots that rarely lift sidewalks.

The students plan to measure Pine Street again in five years. By then, they hope, the new trees will be tall enough to make a difference.

1. The air under the trees is cooled as much as the sidewalk.

   Tall trees along a street can lower the sidewalk temperature.

   Small young trees cool a street just as much as tall old oaks do.

   Sidewalk temperature depends only on the time of day.

2. Not everyone in Brookfield agreed right away about new trees.

The students asked the town to cut down the oaks on Elm Street.

Everyone in Brookfield wanted new trees as soon as they heard the results.

The town council voted against planting trees on Pine Street.

3. The town chose the cheapest trees so the budget officer would not worry.

The town chose trees with shallow roots that grow quickly and need little care.

The town chose trees that never need water, as the neighbors wanted.

The town chose trees that would not cause the problem a neighbor raised.

4. Only the neighbors on Elm Street offered to help.

The town council planted the new trees without help from anyone.

Some residents offered to help care for the new trees.

The students paid for the twenty new trees themselves.

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