

**Constructed Response**  
**Standard 2: Civics and Government**

**1** Read the two articles below.

**The Grove Press**

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March 2, 2009

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**Fireworks show cancelled**

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The City Council voted to cancel the July 4 fireworks. The mayor declared that the city could not afford to pay workers to clean up the trash left by those attending the fireworks show.

**The Grove Press**

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June 2, 2009

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**Fireworks show saved**

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People of all ages from local schools and organizations have volunteered to clean up the trash after the fireworks show.

Using information from the articles, describe ONE way the community benefited from volunteers.

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Other than picking up trash, give ONE example of how you can volunteer to help your school or your community.

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**Standard 4: Economics**

**3** Read this information.

**Cahokia—An Ancient Trading Center**

Established: 700 A.D.

Location: The Mississippi Valley, near where the Missouri River and the Ohio River join the Mississippi River

Goods traded with the Cahokians:

- Sea shells from the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean
- Copper from the Great Lakes area
- Flint stones from the Oklahoma area
- Mica minerals from the North Carolina and South Carolina areas

Give ONE reason why the location of Cahokia helped make it a trading center.

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Explain how the goods listed above are evidence that the people of Cahokia traded with people from other places.

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**Extended Response**  
**Standard 3: Geography**

**4** Look at the picture below.



You are a colonist who has just arrived at the area shown above. Describe TWO different natural resources shown in the picture and how you could use them to help meet your needs.

Resource 1: \_\_\_\_\_

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How this resource could help meet your needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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Resource 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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How this resource could help meet your needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe TWO different ways you could change the land to create a successful colony in this area.

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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