

Cleanup Day

MAPLETOWN, Arkansas—

School children in this small town of 16,000 have taken a stand against trash in their community. One hundred middle-school students from Berner School volunteered their time to pick up trash in their neighborhoods last week. They got the job done with large trash carts, bags, rakes, and shovels. It was the first scheduled

cleanup day of the new year.

Cleanup days have been annual events in Mapletown since 2004 but have declined each year.

Greta Meiers hopes to revive the tradition.

"In just one hour, we made this block look great," said Greta, a fifth grader.

Greta hopes to organize a regular cleanup day once a month.

Is the passage fiction or nonfiction? _____

What is the writing about? _____

Write two facts that you learned. _____

In what form is the writing? _____

What is the writing trying to do? _____

Name _____