Analyze Argument and Draw Conclusions

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class _____

Choice 1: Read the story then answer the questions.

The Great Playground Debate

1 Maya and Leo looked at the school playground. Half of it was green grass. The other half was brown dirt. When it rained, the dirt turned into thick, sticky mud. Students could not play there.

2 “Our school needs to fix this,” Maya said. “We should ask the principal to plant more grass. Grass stays cool in the summer sun. It is also natural, so it helps the Earth.”

3 Leo shook his head. "Grass takes a long time to grow, and it costs money to cut," he said. He pointed to a picture of a playground covered in rubber tiles. "We should use rubber tiles instead. They are clean, they never turn into mud, and they last for many years."

4 The recess bell rang. The two friends did not agree on grass or rubber. But they both agreed that the mud had to go. They decided to write a letter to the principal together to ask for help.

1. What is Maya’s main argument? A. The playground needs more space to play B. The school should plant grass because it is cool and natural. C. Rubber tiles are better because they are clean.	**3. What can you conclude about Maya based on paragraph 2?** A. She does not like playing outside when it is sunny. B. She cares about nature and helping the earth. C. She thinks rubber tiles are too colorful.
2. Which detail supports Leo’s argument about rubber tiles? A. They never turn into mud and they last a long time B. They cost a lot of money to cut every week. C. They get very hot in the summer sun.	**4. What conclusion can you draw about the two friends at the end?** A. They are angry and will not talk. B. They both want to fix the playground together. C. They decide to keep the muddy dirt.

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