Read the short story. Then answer each question.

Max's Good Habit

Max reads more than anyone he knows. He loves to read during all of his free time. His friends tease him because he would rather read than play video games, but his parents and his teachers are proud of him. They say reading is important, and it will help him learn about the world around him. They also tell him it is a good habit to read on a regular basis.



One day Max was reading a magazine article about volcanoes. He told his friends all about volcanoes and what causes them to erupt. The very next week, his class was assigned a science project about volcanoes. Guess who everyone wanted in their project group? Max's friends weren't teasing him anymore.

Max ended up being in a group with Liz, Anna and Josh. The assignment was to create a poster board with information about volcanoes and to build a volcano model.

Max made copies of the magazine article about volcanoes so his project partners could read about them too. They also went to the library to look for more information about volcanoes.

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The group met at Anna's house that night to organize the information and decide what they wanted to put on the poster board. They all asked Max what he thought was most important. Then they decided on the following together.

What causes volcanoes to erupt? The release of pressure when magma rises up through cracks in the Earth's crust causes volcanoes to erupt.



How do volcanoes form? Lava from eruptions cools and forms new crust. The crust builds up after several eruptions to form a volcano.

How hot is lava? Lava can get as hot as 1,165 Fahrenheit.

The next night they met at Josh's house to build their volcano. They used cardboard and modeling clay. First they made a volcano shape with the cardboard, and then they covered the shape in brown and red clay. The red was lava flowing down the volcano. They also attached red clay to the top of the volcano to make it look like it was erupting.

The volcano looked great. Max, Liz, Anna and Josh were very proud of their hard work. When they turned in their project, their teacher was proud too. Thanks to Max's good habit, they earned an A+ on both parts of the project.

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Questions:

1. What would Max rather do than play video games?

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2. What type of science project was his class assigned?

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3. Who wanted Max in their project group?

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4. How many people were in Max's group?

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5. Where did the group meet on the second night?

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6. What is Max's good habit? Why is it good?

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