Block Clubs

CCSSR1: Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
CCSSR2: Determine **central ideas or themes** of a text and analyze their development; **summarize** the key supporting details and ideas.

You will find many block clubs in Chicago. You know that a block has a club when you see a sign. The sign will say, "Welcome to our block." Then it will list rules. One rule might be, "Do not litter." Another might be, "No loud music."

People make up block clubs. Neighbors decide to set one up. One neighbor may be the leader. That person starts it. The person may ask a few neighbors if they want to start the club. Or they may have a meeting. They invite all the people who live on the block.

People who join a block club want to have a good place to live. They want their children to be safe. They want the street to be clean. They want to be friendly. The signs usually say something like "This is a great block."

When a new family moves into the block, the block club leader will meet with them. The leader will explain the rules. The new family joins the block club by moving there.

Sometimes a block club may have a problem. It could be someone on the block is not following the rules. If it is a serious problem, neighbors may be angry. They may talk with the person. They may send a letter to that person. They will tell them that they must follow the rules.

Sometimes a block club calls the police. They report a problem. They have tried to solve the problem. The police will come to talk with the people making the problem. They hope they will cooperate.

Block clubs have fun, too. They may have a block party. The children play together. The adults talk about the community. Everyone has a good time. Some people say block clubs are like a big family.

Support the Main Idea

What is the main idea of this passage?

Underline five sentences in the passage that support that idea.