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Topic, Main Idea, Details

The Amish Way of Life

The Amish, or the Pennsylvania Dutch, are a group of Christian people who live in America. They live very simply. The Amish speak Pennsylvania Dutch. Pennsylvania Dutch is their own language that came from Swiss German. Over 165,000 Amish live in the United States, and 1,500 live in Canada. The population of Amish in the West is continuing to grow. 80% of the Amish population lives in Pennsylvania.

The Amish have stringent rules. The church has rules about how to live daily life. Electricity, phones, and cars are prohibited. Instead of cars, people use horses and buggies. Clothes are also regulated. Women wear long dresses with aprons. Men wear pants, shirts, and suspenders. They are only allowed to wear plain colors. If a member does not live by the church's expectations, they are shunned. Being shunned means they are rejected by all of the other members of their Amish community until they make up for their wrongdoings. Amish who do not make up for their wrongdoings are excommunicated. Excommunicated members are thrown out of their community.

The Amish community has their own schools. Many of these schools are one-room schoolhouses. One teacher teaches children of all ages in one classroom. Unmarried Amish men tend to be farmers. They grow crops and raise livestock to support their family and community. Since they are prohibited from using electricity, the Amish use horses to help with their farms.

Amish women are responsible for their family. They also take care of the church and community needs. Amish women run their homes, cook, make and wash clothes and help neighbors. Amish women are expected to obey their husbands. Amish men tend to be farmers. They grow crops and raise livestock to support their family and community. Since they are prohibited from using electricity, the Amish use horses to help with their farms.

Amish life is different from people who live life as modern. Amish thrive. They have a strong community and take care of their family and community.



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Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated.

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a. Amish people
b. Where Amish live
c. Amish schools
d. Amish rules
2. Which sentence best tells the main idea of this text?
a. The Amish have very strict rules.
b. The Amish have very simple lives.
c. The Amish focus their lives around their family and community.
d. The Amish people have a different way of life from modern Americans.
3. What details helped you determine the main idea?

The Amish speak Pennsylvania Dutch. The Amish have very strict rules. Many Amish men tend to be farmers.

4. What is the main idea of paragraph 2?

The main idea of paragraph two is that the Amish have very strict rules.

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PRINTABLE PDFs and **DIGITAL** Google Slides covering the 2nd and 3rd grade text complexity band with Certified Lexile Levels.

- Anchor charts and question sets
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Topic, Main Idea, Details Name: _____ Date: _____

Thunder and Lightning

Lightning is the flow of electricity between two objects during a storm. Lightning can flow between different parts in a cloud, between two different clouds, or between a cloud and the ground. A strike is when lightning hits an object on the ground. Lightning always comes with thunder; however, you may see lightning without hearing thunder. This is because the lightning is too far away for the thunder to be heard. Lightning is very dangerous. If lightning strikes an object, high heat travels through the object. Lightning can make the sap in a tree evaporate and cause it to explode! Humans that get struck by lightning will usually have a severe injury.



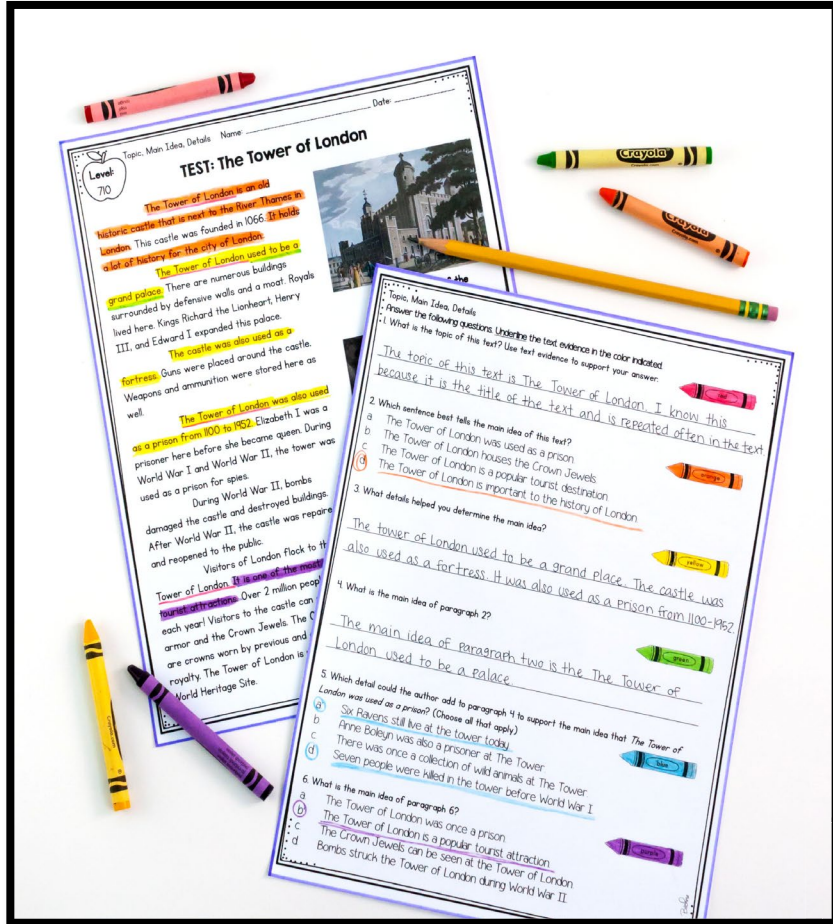
Tree that was struck by lightning

A shock wave that travels along the path of lightning causes thunder. If you see lightning, but do not hear thunder, this means the lightning is far away. If you hear a thunderclap close to the flash of lightning, the lightning is very close. Thunder is a sound that is not harmful. Even so, if you hear thunder, this means lightning is close by. It can strike at any time. This is why it is important to stay inside during a thunderstorm anytime you see lightning or hear thunder!

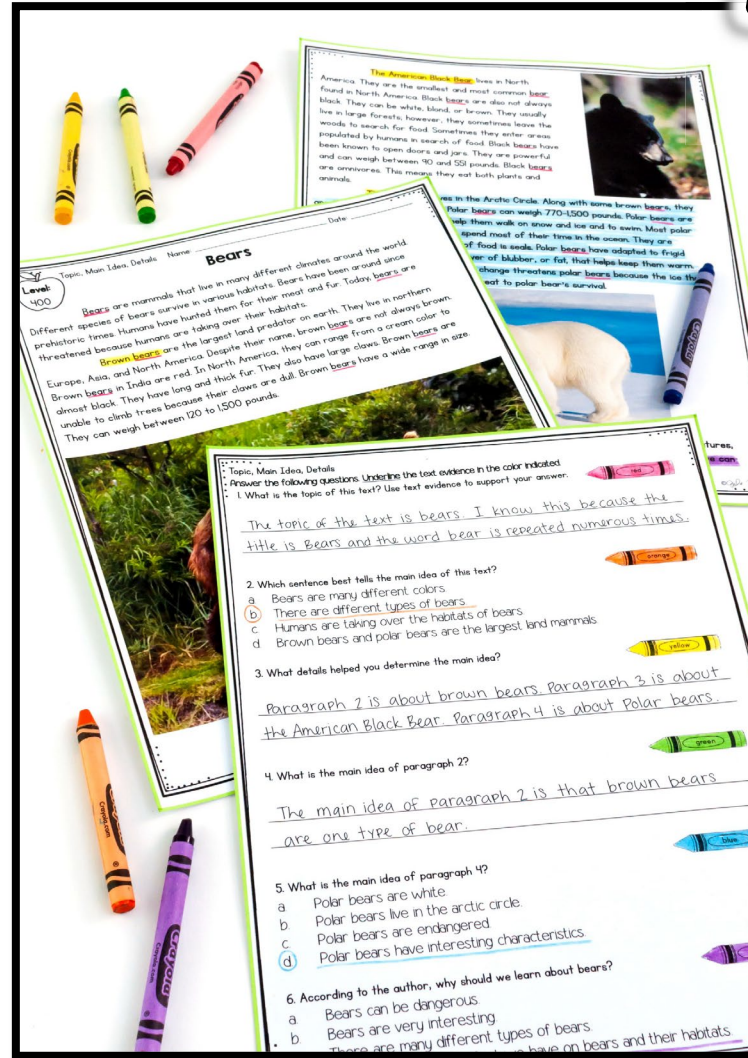


Cloud to Ground Lightning Strike

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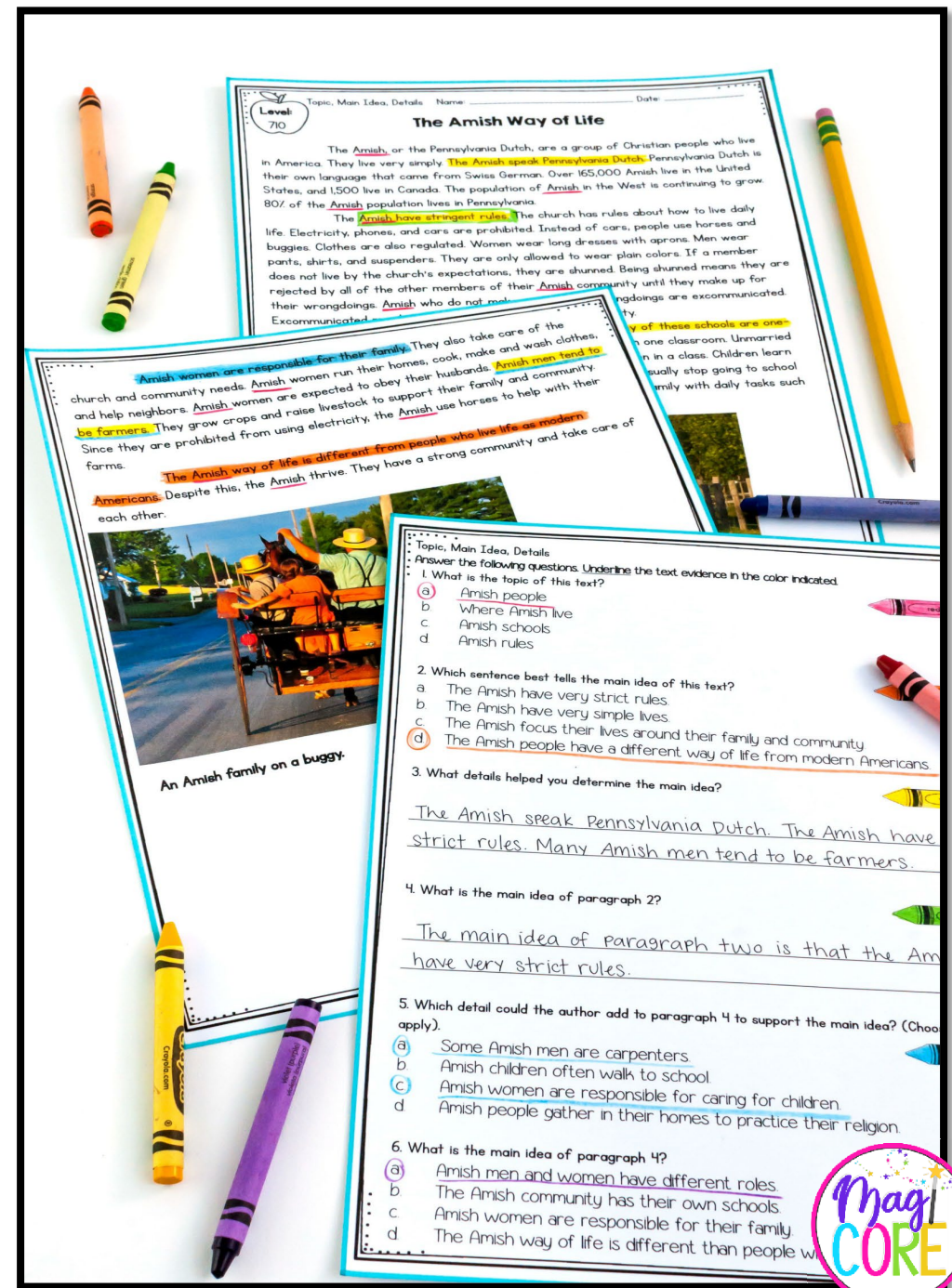
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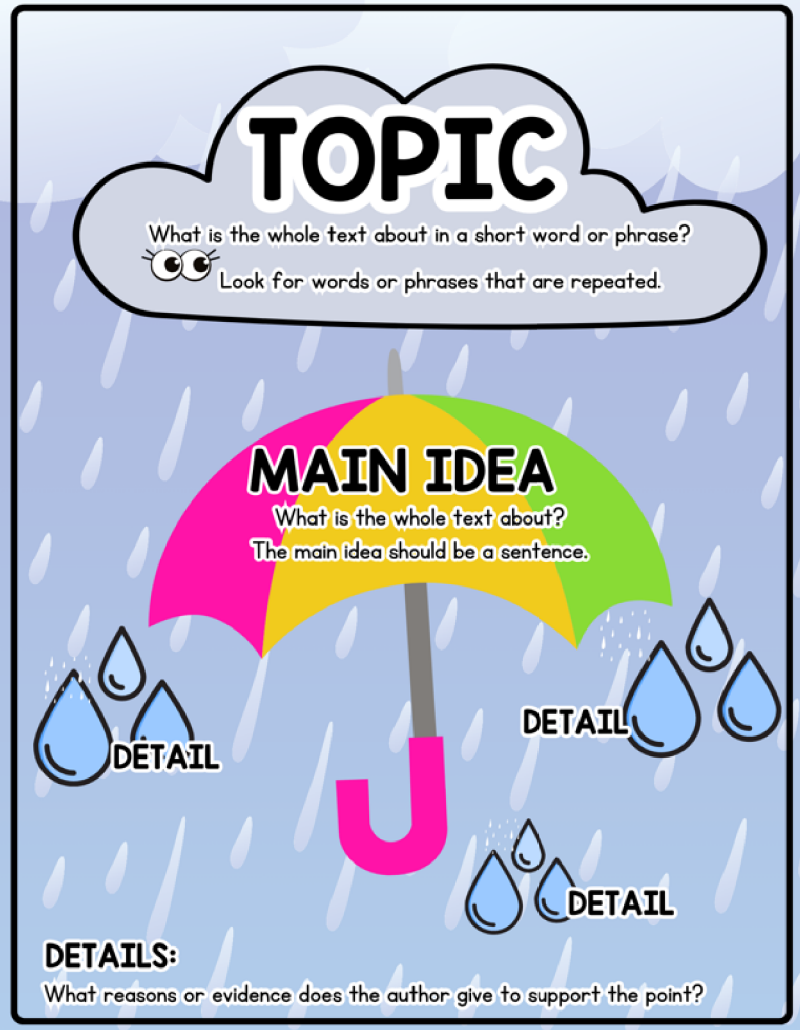
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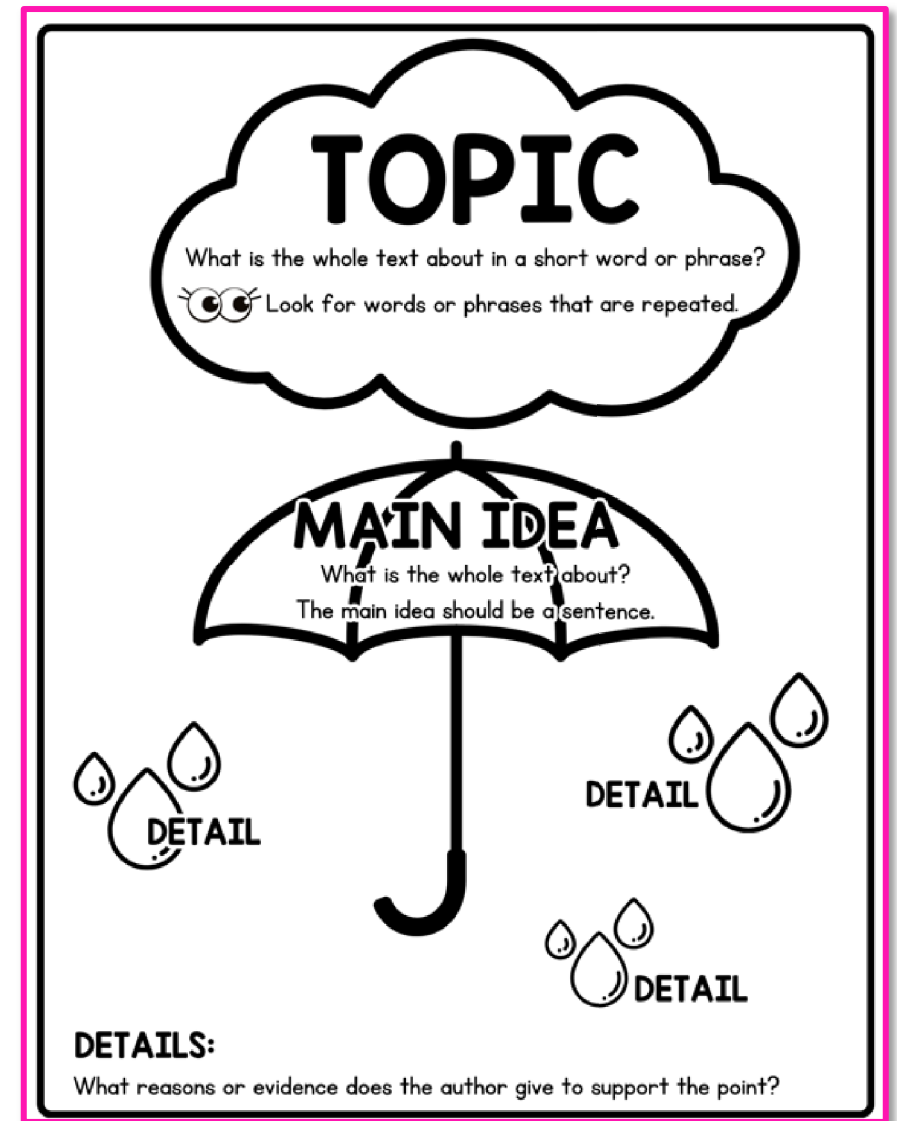
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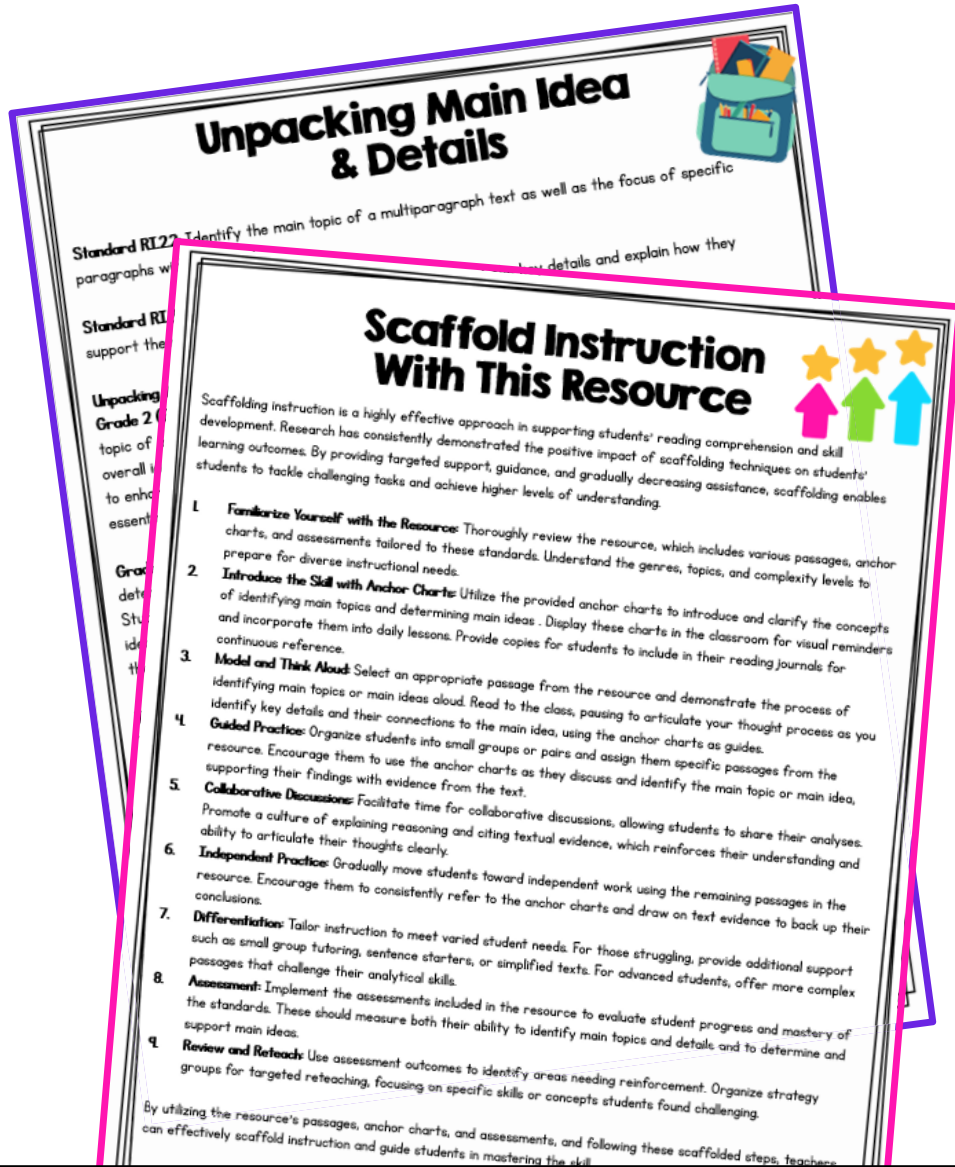


- 1 Anchor chart
- Use to introduce the skill
- Students reference throughout the unit



Your students can refer to the anchor chart throughout the unit.

MODEL PASSAGES & TEACHER DIRECTIONS



- Unpack the standard
- Prerequisite skills
- How to use this resource.



Model Topic, Main Idea, Details Name: _____ Date: _____

Read the following text. Complete the following questions to help you determine the topic, main idea, and supporting details. Color text evidence using the color crayon shown.

Unwrapping the Truth of Fortune Cookies

Fortune cookies are fun treats that hold a surprise message inside. But did you know they come with their own mystery about where they started? Many people think fortune cookies were first made in China, but actually, they were created in the United States! In the early 1900s, people in San Francisco and Los Angeles started making these cookies. They were inspired by Japanese cookies that also had messages inside. Fortune cookies quickly became a special part of eating out at Chinese restaurants in America. Inside each cookie, you find a piece of paper with a fortune or a wise saying. Even though fortune cookies weren't really from China, these cookies became famous around the world. Fortune cookies are a fun way to end a meal with a bit of luck and laughter.

1. How do I find the **main topic** of a text?

- Look for words or phrases that are **repeated**. The topic should be a word or short phrase that the whole text is about.

Main Topic: _____

2. How do I find the **main idea** of a text?

- Ask, "What is the whole text about?" The main idea should be a sentence.
- Note: Sometimes the text will tell you the main idea, but not always!

Main Idea: _____

3. How do I find the **supporting details** in a text?

- Find the portion of the text where the author makes the point.
- Ask, "What reasons or details does the author give to support the point?"

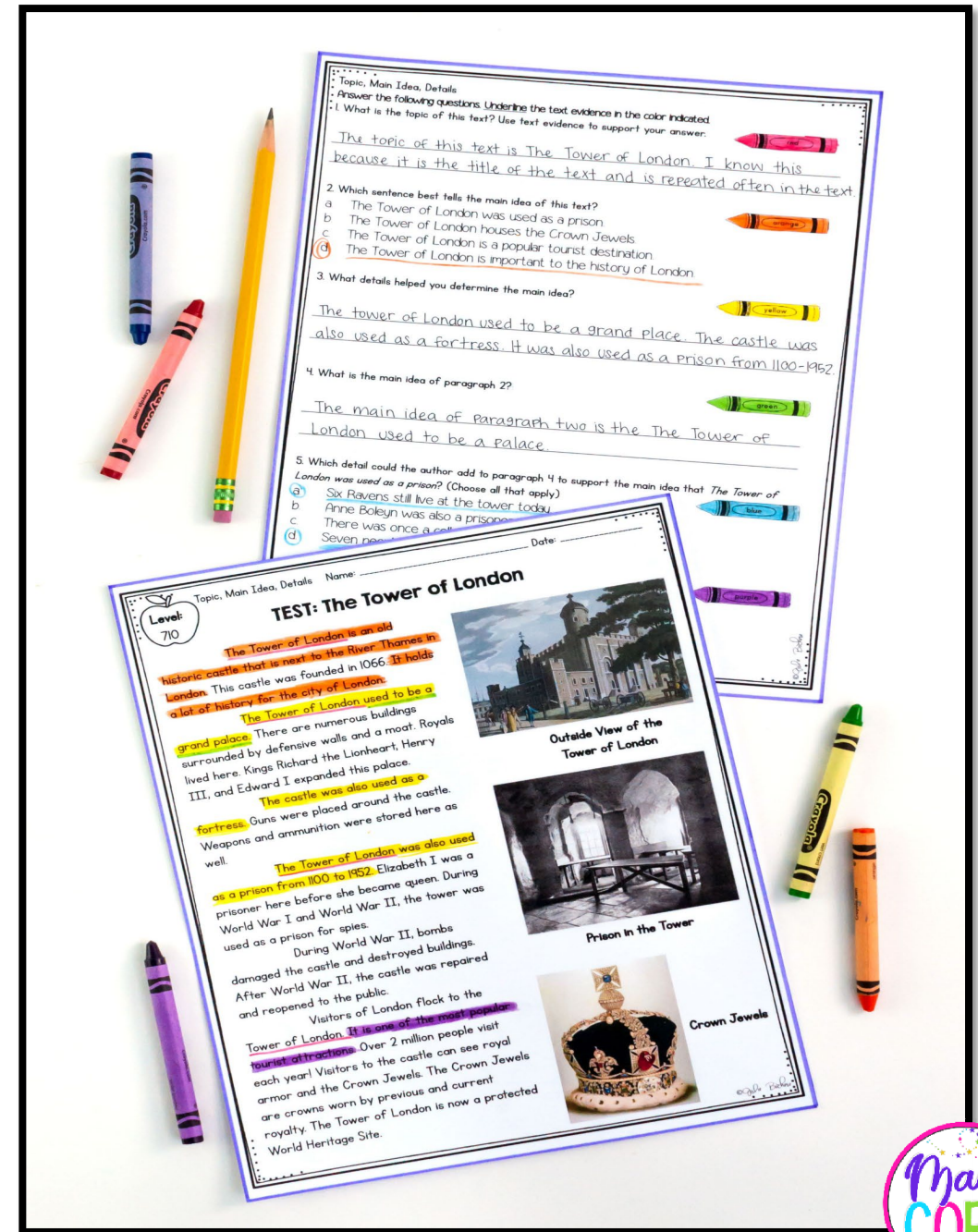
Supporting Details: _____



Model text and questions

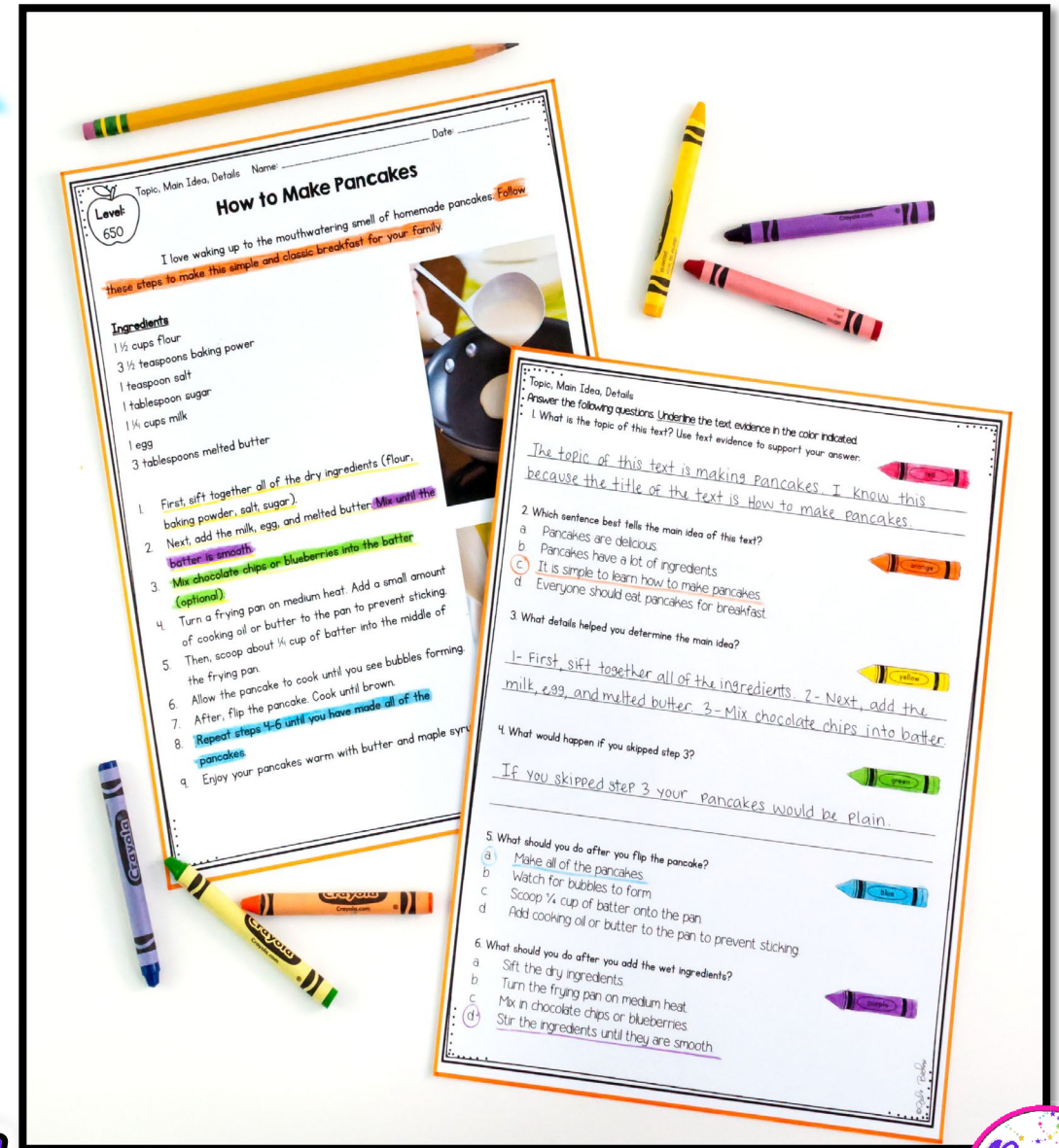
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- Same format as practice
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- Color-coding
- Follows best practices for standardized assessments



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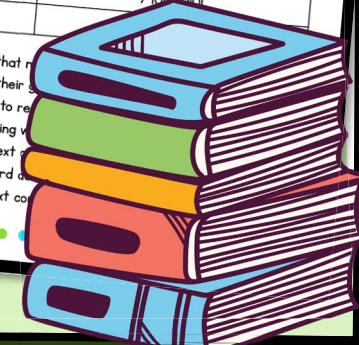
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6-8	

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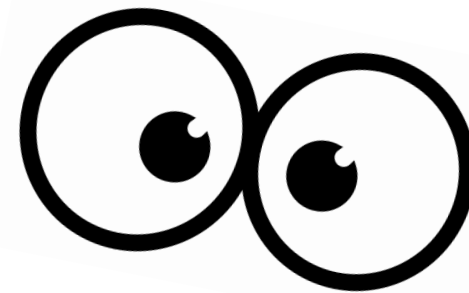
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TOPIC

What is the whole text about in a short word or phrase?
Look for words or phrases that are repeated.

MAIN IDEA

What is the whole text about?
The main idea should be a sentence.

DETAIL

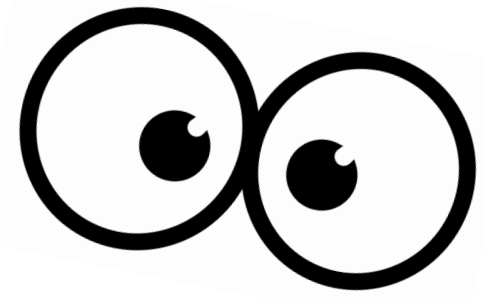
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DETAILS:

What reasons or evidence does the author give to support the point?

AND ANOTHER PEEK



470L

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The Amish have strict rules. The church makes rules. Electricity, phones, and cars are not allowed. People use horses and buggies. Women wear long dresses with aprons. Men wear pants, shirts, and suspenders. They wear plain colors. People who do not follow rules are shunned. Being shunned means they are rejected by their community. They need to make up for their wrongdoings. Amish who do not make up for their wrongdoings are excommunicated. Excommunicated members are thrown out of their community.

The Amish community has their own schools. Many of these schools are one-room schoolhouses. A teacher teaches all ages in one classroom. Unmarried Amish women teach Amish schools. There are about 30 children in a class. Children learn English, reading, writing, math, and history. Children go to school until 8th grade. After, they help their family with household duties.

Amish women take care of their family. They also take care of the church and community. Amish women cook. They make and wash clothes. They help neighbors. Amish women follow their husbands. Amish men are often farmers. They grow crops and raise livestock. Amish use horses on their farms.

The Amish way of life is different from modern Americans. Despite this, the Amish thrive. They have a strong community. They take care of each other.



An Amish woman



An Amish family on a buggy

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Topic, Main Idea, Details

Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated.

1. What is the topic of this text?

- a. Amish people
- b. Where Amish live
- c. Amish schools
- d. Amish rules

2. Which sentence best tells the main idea of this text?

- a. The Amish have very strict rules.
- b. The Amish have very simple lives.
- c. The Amish focus their lives around their family and community.
- d. The Amish people have a different way of life from modern Americans.

3. What details helped you determine the main idea?

4. What is the main idea of paragraph 2?

5. Which detail could the author add to paragraph 4 to support the main idea? (Choose all that apply).

- a. Some Amish men are carpenters.
- b. Amish children often walk to school.
- c. Amish women are responsible for caring for children.
- d. Amish people gather in their homes to practice their religion.

6. What is the main idea of paragraph 4?

- a. Amish men and women have different roles.
- b. The Amish community has their own schools.
- c. Amish women are responsible for their family.
- d. The Amish way of life is different than people who live in modern America.

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Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated.

1. What is the topic of this text?

- a. Space
- b. Mercury
- c. Planets in our solar system
- d. Mercury and Earth

2. Which sentence best tells the main idea of this text?

- a. Mercury is closest to the sun.
- b. Two spacecraft visited Mercury.
- c. There is a lot to learn about Mercury.
- d. Planets are interesting to learn about.

3. What details helped you determine the main idea?

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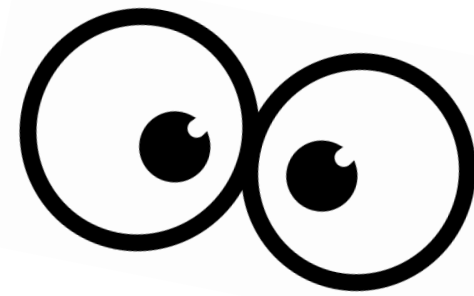
- a. What Mercury looks like and its climate.
- b. Mercury looks similar to the moon.
- c. Mercury's temperature can be very cold or very hot.
- d. Mariner 10 took photographs of Mercury.

5. What is the main idea of paragraph 3?

6. What is the main idea of paragraph 4?

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CHECK THIS OUT TOO!



510L

Topic, Main Idea, Details Name: _____ Date: _____

Harriet Tubman

Harriet Tubman was born in 1822 in Maryland. She was a slave. When Harriet was five years old, her job was to take care of her owner's baby. When she got older, she worked in the fields.

In 1849 Harriet escaped slavery. She fled to Pennsylvania. The journey was 90 miles. Harriet returned to Maryland to rescue her family. After, she continued to help other slaves. She made about thirteen trips. Harriet rescued around 70 slaves. She traveled at night to avoid being caught. Slave owners were furious. They offered rewards for her capture. After she rescued slaves, Harriet helped them find work. She took them as far North as Canada.

During the US Civil War, Harriet worked for the Union Army. The Union Army fought for the northern and southern states to stay together. Northern states were free states. Southern states were slave states. Harriet worked for the Union Army as a cook and nurse. She also guided an attack. The attack freed more than 700 slaves.

After the Union won the Civil War, Harriet moved to New York. She took care of her parents. She worked for women's right to vote. Harriet got very sick. She died in 1913.

Harriet is still remembered for her work during slavery and the Civil War. She was a courageous hero. She risked her life to help others.



Harriet Tubman in 1880

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Topic, Main Idea, Details

Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated.

1. What is the topic of this text? Use text evidence to support your answer.



2. Which sentence best tells the main idea of this text?

- a. Harriet Tubman escaped slavery.
- b. Harriet Tubman saved many slaves.
- c. Harriet Tubman helped the Union Army.
- d. Harriet Tubman did many important things throughout her life.



3. What details helped you determine the main idea?



4. What is the main idea of paragraph 1?



5. Based on the text, how could you describe Harriet Tubman? (Choose all that apply).

- a. brave
- b. heroic
- c. fearful
- d. Daring



6. What is the main idea of paragraph 3?

- a. Harriet led an attack.
- b. Harriet freed 700 slaves.
- c. Harriet worked for the Union Army.
- d. Northern states were free states and southern states were slave states.



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Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated.

1. What is the topic of this text? Use text evidence to support your answer.



2. Which sentence best tells the main idea of this text?

- a. Bears are many different colors.
- b. There are different types of bears.
- c. Humans are taking over the habitats of bears.
- d. Brown bears and polar bears are the largest land mammals.



3. What details helped you determine the main idea?



4. What is the main idea of paragraph 2?



5. What is the main idea of paragraph 4?

- a. Polar bears are white.
- b. Polar bears live in the arctic circle.
- c. Polar bears are endangered.
- d. Polar bears have interesting characteristics.



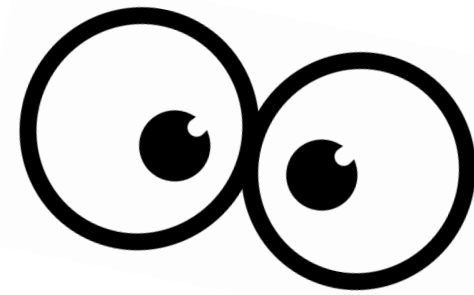
6. According to the author, why should we learn about bears?

- a. Bears can be dangerous.
- b. Bears are very interesting.
- c. There are many different types of bears.
- d. We can reduce the effect we have on bears and their habitats.



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UPGRADE THEIR SKILLS!



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The Super Bowl is the final professional football game of the season. This championship game determines the best NFL team. The game currently falls on the first Sunday in February.

History of The Super Bowl

The first Super Bowl was on January 15, 1967. Super Bowl I was played in Los Angeles, California. The team that wins the big game gets the Vince Lombardi Trophy. This trophy is named after a Green Bay Packers coach. Vince Lombardi led his team to the first two Super Bowl victories. The Pittsburgh Steelers have held the most Super Bowl wins with six victories. The Dallas Cowboys and the San Francisco 49ers each have five victories.

Super Bowl's Importance in America

Super Bowl Sunday has become a part of American culture. It has been one of the most-watched television programs of the year. The Super Bowl is the second largest day for food, second to Thanksgiving. Super Bowl commercials have become a huge attraction as well. These commercial slots are the most expensive of the year. Companies come up with clever commercials that are almost as entertaining as the game itself. The halftime show is a large part of The Super Bowl as well. Famous musicians such as Michael Jackson and Madonna have performed.



President Reagan congratulates New York Giants after Super Bowl XXI win in 1987

Throughout history, the Super Bowl's importance has grown in America. It has become the most watched sporting event in the United States.

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Topic, Main Idea, Details

Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated.

1. What would be a good title for this text?

- a. American Culture
- b. Professional Football
- c. The Super Bowl Championship
- d. Sporting Events on Television

2. Which sentence best tells the main idea of this text?

- a. The Super Bowl's importance has grown in America.
- b. The first Super Bowl was played on January 15, 1967.
- c. The Super Bowl determines the best NFL team of the season.
- d. The Super Bowl is the final professional football game played every year.

3. What details helped you determine the main idea?

4. What is the main idea of paragraph 2?

5. Which details could be added to support the main idea of paragraph 2? (Choose all that apply).

- a. The name Super Bowl came from Lamar Hunt.
- b. There are four NFL teams that have never played in the Super Bowl.
- c. When the Super Bowl first started, it was a championship between the NFL and AFL.
- d. The Green Bay Packers, New York Giants, and New England Patriots have won four Super Bowl championships.

6. What is the main idea of paragraph 3?

- a. The Super Bowl has been occurring for a long time.
- b. The Super Bowl has become a part of American culture.
- c. Famous musicians perform at the Super Bowl halftime show.
- d. Food and commercials are a large part of the Super Bowl celebration.

Topic, Main Idea, Details

Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated.

1. What is the topic of this text? Use text evidence to support your answer.

2. Which sentence best tells the main idea of this text?

- a. Ryan is a boy from Canada.
- b. In 1999, Ryan traveled to Uganda to build his first well.
- c. Ryan has received awards for the work his charity has done.
- d. Ryan changed the world by beginning a foundation that builds wells around the world.

3. What details helped you determine the main idea?

4. What is the main idea of paragraph 1?

5. What was the first step Ryan took to help people without fresh water?

- a. Ryan created Ryan's Well Foundation.
- b. Ryan traveled to Uganda to build a well.
- c. Ryan gave speeches about the importance of clean water.
- d. Ryan donated his money from chores to a charity that built wells in Africa.

6. What is the main idea of paragraph 2?

- a. Ryan traveled to Uganda to build his first well.
- b. Ryan is an inspiration to people around the world.
- c. Ryan developed his charity *Ryan's Well Foundation*.
- d. Ryan gave speeches about the importance of clean water.

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