

Main Ideas & Text Structure

Fill in each part when its number appears on the slide.

Name: _____ Date: _____

PART 1 · TARGET

I can find the main ideas of an informational text, choose the details that support them, and name the text structure.

PART 2 · WARM-UP

1. What is the difference between a main idea and a detail?

2. Name a signal word that shows order (sequence).

3. Read: "Bees pollinate flowers. They make honey. Some bees live in hives of 50,000." What is the main idea?

PART 3 · PREDICTION

A table has a top and legs. If the tabletop is the main idea, what are the legs?

Circle one: ☐ Key details ☐ The title ☐ The pictures

PART 4 · VOCABULARY

Word	Meaning
Main idea	
Key detail	
Text structure	
Signal words	

PART 5 · FIND THE MAIN IDEA

The _____ is what every sentence has in _____.

Check: Tap the sentence that states the main idea.

Underline the answer: Wetlands are some of the most useful places on Earth. They soak up floodwater like sponges. They clean water as it flows through plants. They give homes to thousands of kinds of birds.

PART 6 • KEY DETAILS VS. INTERESTING DETAILS

_____ support the main idea. Interesting facts that do not support it are not key.

Check: Main idea: Wetlands protect towns from floods. Which detail supports it?

Circle one: (A) Wetlands soak up extra rainwater. (B) Frogs croak loudly at night. (C) Some wetlands are very old. (D) Herons are tall birds.

PART 7 • TWO OR MORE MAIN IDEAS

Longer texts can have _____ main ideas, often one per _____.

Check: An article has headings "How Bees Make Honey" and "Why Bees Are Disappearing." How many main ideas are there?

Circle one: (A) At least two (B) One (C) None (D) Only the title

PART 8 • TEXT STRUCTURE

Signal words like "because" and "as a result" show _____. "First" and "then" show _____.

Check: "Because the river flooded, the town built a levee." The structure is:

Circle one: (A) Sequence (B) Description (C) Compare and contrast (D) Cause and effect

PART 9 • WORKED EXAMPLE

Final answer from the example: _____

PART 10 • WE DO

Paragraph: "Because farmers cleared forests, rain washed soil into rivers. As a result, fish lost their habitats." Name the structure and the signal words.

Answer: _____

PART 11 • YOU DO

"Unlike alligators, crocodiles have narrow snouts. Both live in warm water." The structure is:

Circle one: (A) Problem and solution (B) Description (C) Compare and contrast (D) Sequence

PART 12 • WORK TIME: FLIGHT OF THE MONARCHS

Write each code piece as you earn it: Stop 1: ____ Stop 2: ____ Stop 3: ____ Stop 4: ____ Stop 5: ____

Final code: _____

PART 13 • WRAP-UP

Was your prediction in Part 3 right? One thing I learned today:
