LESSON WORKSHEET · GRADE 6 · 6.RC.5 & 6.RC.8

Central Idea & Author's Argument

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

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

PART 1 · TARGET

I can determine the central idea of a text and evaluate whether an author's claims are supported by evidence.

PART 2 · WARM-UP

1. What is the difference between a fact and an opinion? Give one example of each.

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2. An ad says "Everyone loves SuperSnack!" Is that strong evidence? Why?

   _____

3. What makes a source reliable?

   _____

PART 3 · PREDICTION

Which ad is more convincing? A: "Our cereal is the BEST, everyone loves it!" B: "Our cereal has 8 grams of protein, twice the leading brand."

Circle one: [ ] Ad A [ ] Ad B [ ] Both the same

PART 4 · VOCABULARY

Word	Meaning
Central idea	
Claim	
Reason	
Evidence	

PART 5 · CENTRAL IDEA

The _____ is what the whole text is mostly about.

Check: Which is a central idea, not a topic?

Circle one: (A) Small local actions can help pollinators recover. (B) Pollinators (C) Bees (D) Gardens in Carmel

PART 6 · CLAIM, REASONS, EVIDENCE

An argument has a _____, reasons, and _____.

Check: Which is evidence, not a claim?

Circle one: (A) Later starts are better. (B) I think sleep matters. (C) A survey found 70% of students get less than 8 hours of sleep. (D) We should start school later.

PART 7 · UNSUPPORTED CLAIMS

Words like "_____" and "best" often signal an _____ claim.

Check: Tap the TWO unsupported phrases.

Underline the answer: Everyone knows that recess is the best part of the day. Students get 20 minutes.

PART 8 · COUNTERCLAIMS

A _____ is the other side. Strong writers _____ to it with evidence.

Check: Why include a counterclaim?

Circle one: (A) It changes the topic (B) It shows you considered the other side and can answer it (C) It makes the essay longer (D) It proves you are wrong

PART 9 · WORKED EXAMPLE

Final answer from the example: _____

PART 10 · WE DO

Argument: "Schools should have longer recess. A study found students focus better after 20 minutes of play. Recess is the best!" Label the claim, evidence, and unsupported part.

Answer: _____

PART 11 · YOU DO

Which sentence is a counterclaim?

Circle one: (A) A study found students focus better after play. (B) Schools should add ten minutes. (C) Some people argue that longer recess wastes learning time. (D) Recess helps students focus.

PART 12 · WORK TIME: NEWSROOM FIELD TRIP

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:

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