

# MAIN IDEA & DETAILS

You can usually tell what the **main idea** is from the **introduction** and/or **conclusion!**

Not So Wimpy Teacher

For example:

The Titanic was thought to be the unsinkable ship. After the sinking of the Titanic, rules and laws were instituted to make ocean travel safer.

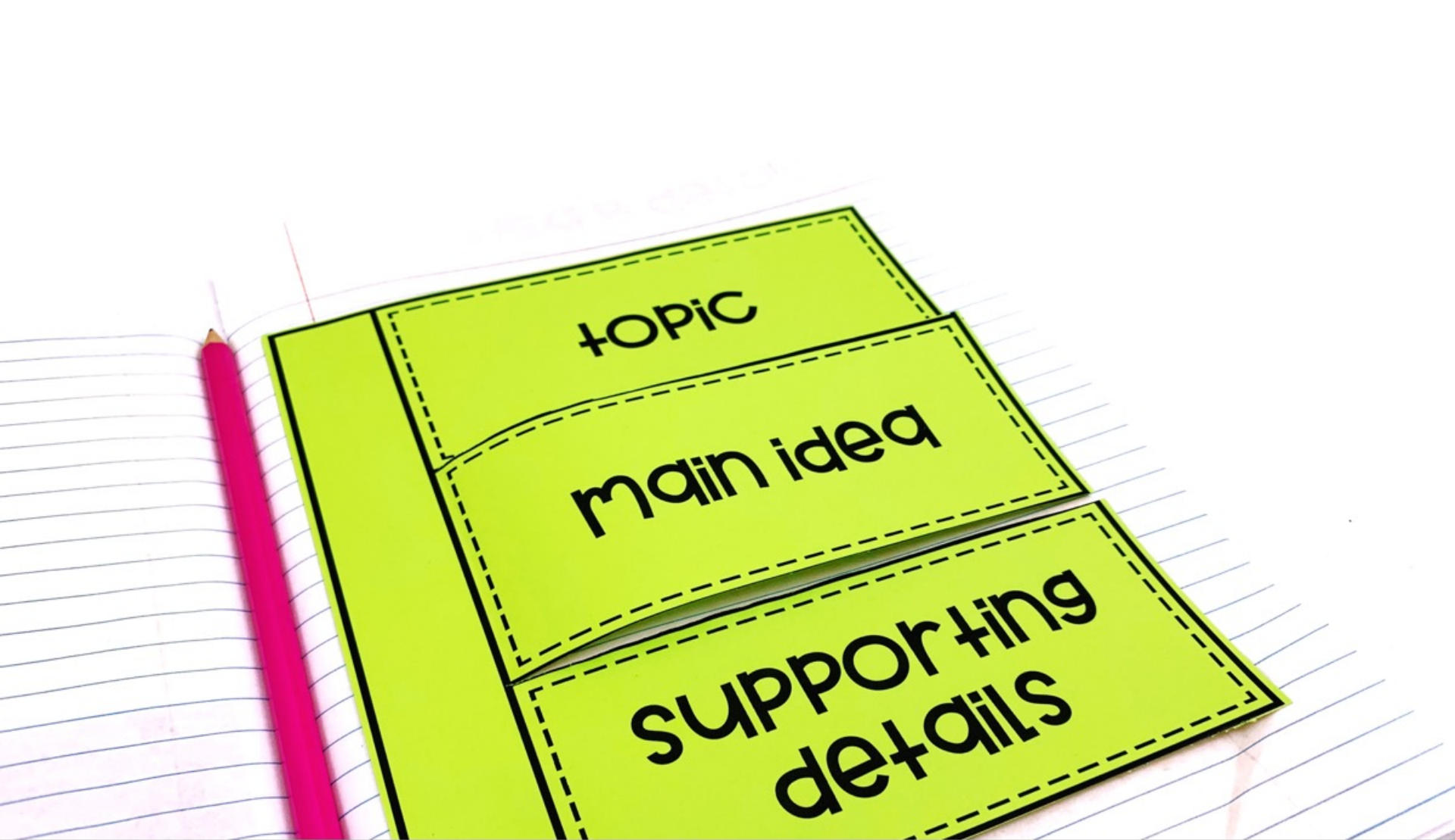
The Titanic had a total of 20 lifeboats to carry 1,178 passengers. The Titanic was carrying 2,223 passengers. Even if all of the lifeboats were filled to capacity, there were not enough to hold all of the passengers on the ship. Today, ships are required to have enough lifeboats to hold all passengers and crew.

## PowerPoint to Introduce the Skill

Today, ships are required to have enough lifeboats to hold all passengers and crew. New laws require that someone is listening to the radio twenty-four hours per day.

Travel on the ocean is safer today because of the Titanic.





## 2 Interactive Notebook Activities



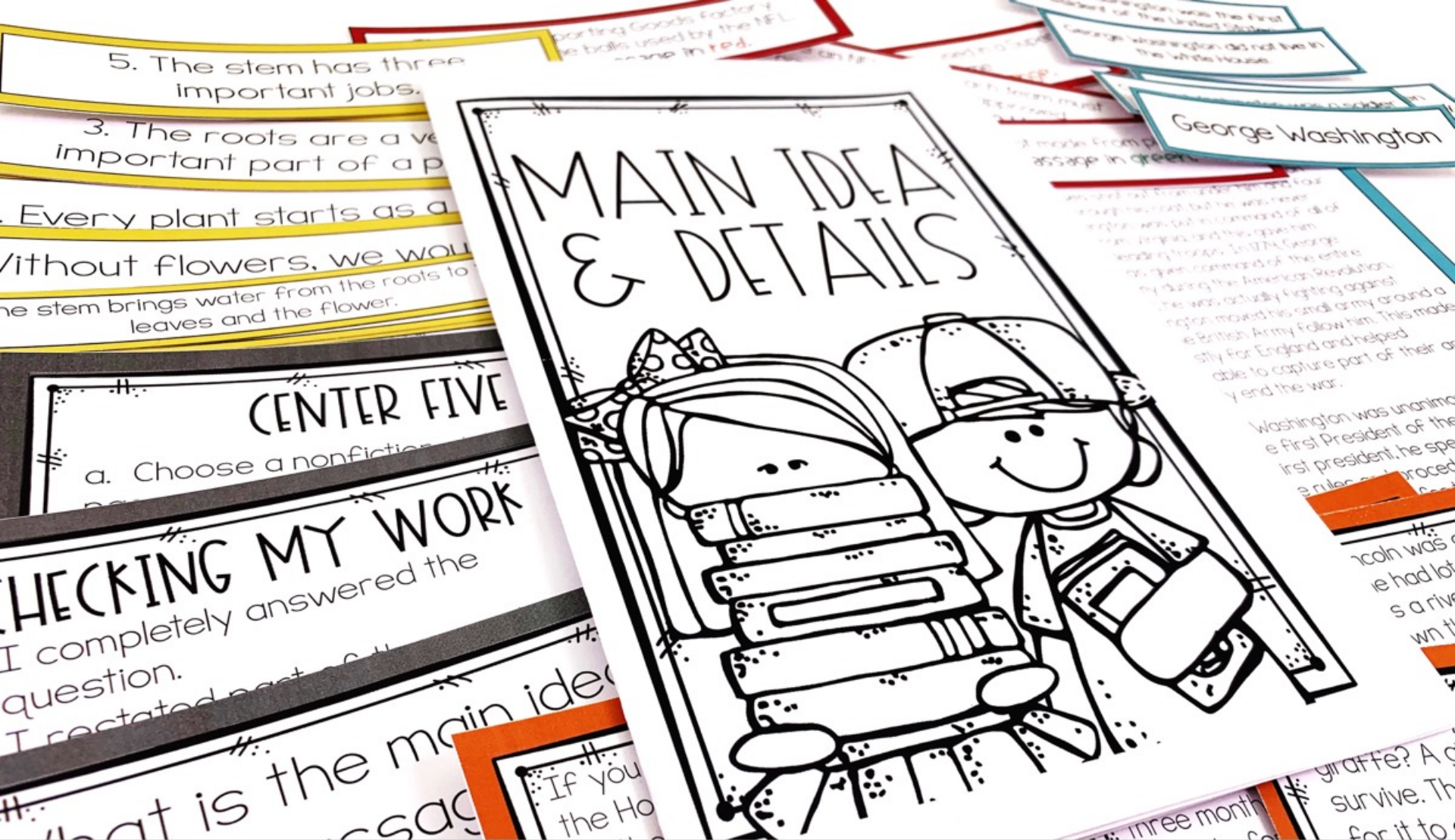
**Identify the main idea & details**  
I love to eat cotton candy when I go to the fair. Cotton candy is made almost entirely from sugar. Cotton candy is made by heating sugar until it becomes a liquid. The sugar is spun through small holes. The sugar becomes solid again in the form of a small strand. Machine operators twirl a stick or cone around the side of the bowl, gathering the sugar strands into portions which are served on a stick or cone. If you like sugar, you are going to love this treat!

What is the topic of the passage?

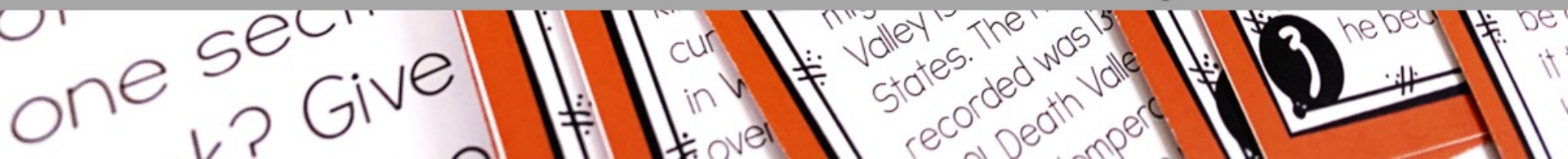
What is the main idea of the passage?

Give one detail from the passage that supports the main idea.





# 5 Centers with a Recording Book





**MATCHING**

Topic \_\_\_\_\_

George Washington was a soldier in the army.

George Washington was given command of the Continental Army.

George Washington was the first President of the United States.

George Washington did not live in the White House.

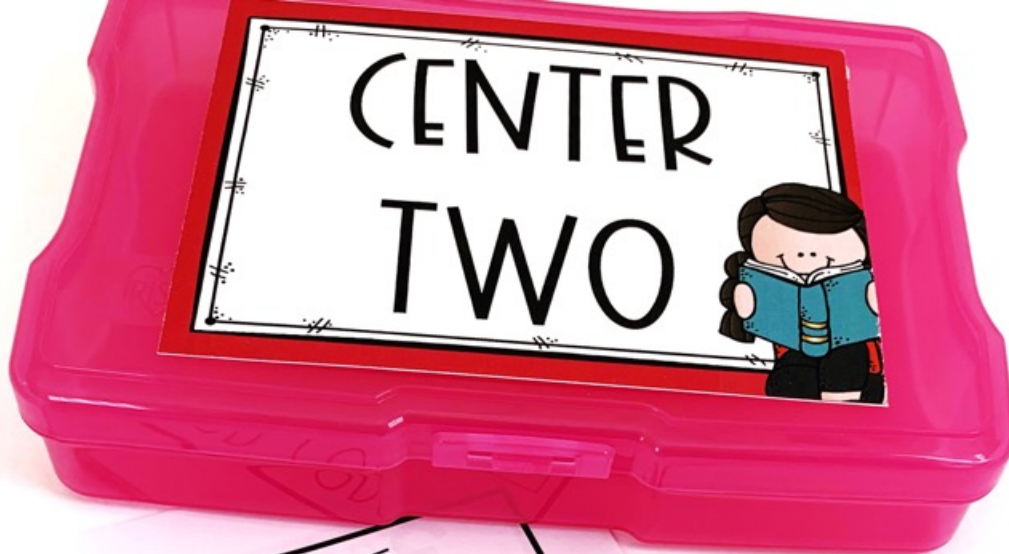
Paragraph 2  
Detail \_\_\_\_\_

George Washington served in the military. He first became a soldier for England during the French and Indian War in 1753. During one battle, Washington had two horses shot out from under him and four bullets shot through his coat, but he was never injured. Washington was put in command of all of the soldiers from Virginia, and this gave him experience in leading troops. In 1774, George Washington was given command of the entire Continental Army during the American Revolution. During this war, he was actually fighting against England. Washington moved his small army around a lot and made the British Army follow him. This made the war too costly for England and helped Washington be able to capture part of their army and successfully end the war.

In 1789, George Washington was unanimously elected to be the first President of the United States. As the first president, he spent much of his time creating the rules and procedures for the job of the president. He served for two terms and is the only president who did not live in the White House. It was not built during his presidency. Washington stepped down because he didn't want to be seen as a king. He thought that it was best to have new leaders from time to time.

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game balls to the officials  
before the game. \_\_\_\_\_ bladder.





## 2 COLOR CODE

Have you ever wondered where the National Football League (NFL) gets their footballs? All of the NFL footballs are made at a Wilson factory.

Before each NFL game, the footballs are prepared according to NFL rules. Two hours and fifteen minutes before each game, each team must have their footballs approved.

Footballs are not made from pigskins. Professional footballs, they are as pigskins.

The Wilson Sporting Goods factory makes all of the balls used by the NFL. Color the passage in **red**.

Before each game, each team must have their footballs approved. Color the passage in **blue**.

Footballs are not made from pigskins. Professional footballs, they are as pigskins. Color the passage in **orange**.

Footballs are not made from pigskins. Color the passage in **green**.





**3 MAIN IDEA**

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**4 DETAIL SORT**

Main Idea	Detail
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1 What would you do with a long neck like a giraffe? A giraffe's long neck helps it survive. The long neck makes it possible for it to eat the leaves on the tallest trees that other animals can't get to. Being tall also helps the giraffe be able to see farther. This allows it to see predators before they have chances to attack. It can even use its neck as a weapon to fight off predators!





EA

**4** DETAIL SORT

Main Idea	Detail
1. Plants make their own food in a process called photosynthesis.	<b>a</b> The stem holds the plant up so that it does not just lay on the ground.
2. Every plant starts as a seed.	<b>b</b> The stem brings water from the roots to the leaves and the flower.
3. The roots are a very important part of a plant.	<b>c</b> Roots support the plant and uses the roots to get water from the soil.
4. Without flowers, we wouldn't have seeds.	<b>d</b> A seed has a seed coat to keep the baby plant protected.
5. There are three types of seeds.	<b>e</b> The seed is the home for the sprouts. The sprouts grow inside the plant's leaves.

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**5a** READING RESPONSE

Book/Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Idea: \_\_\_\_\_

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**5b** READING RESPONSE

Book/Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Idea: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CHECKING MY WORK**

**CENTER FIVE**

a. Choose a nonfiction picture book or passage. Read the text. Write the answer to the question on the line.

Your \_\_\_\_\_

- I completely answered the question.
- I restated part of the question in my answer.
- I used evidence from the text to prove my answer.
- I edited my work for and punctuation.



### Sir Francis Drake

#### Main Idea and Details

Sir Francis Drake was an English sea captain and pirate. A pirate is at sea. Drake was hired several times by the English queen to capture ships.

In 1572, Drake received his first commission by Queen Elizabeth I to the king of Spain. Drake attacked the town of Nombre de Dios, but he was dropped off by the Spanish. While there, he continued to capture ships and silver. He became a very rich man.

In 1577, Drake set out to attack the unprotected Spanish ships sailing through the Strait of Magellan and continue to capture ships. With his success, he headed back to the Atlantic to give the English queen half because of his success.

Through his journeys, Drake successfully captured many Spanish ships. However, Drake will be remembered for his possessions for so many years.

1. What is the main idea of this passage?
- a. Drake was known for his success.
  - b. Drake was a very rich man.
  - c. Sir Francis Drake was hired by the English queen.
  - d. The queen paid for his journeys.

### Antarctic Desert

#### Main Idea and Details

A desert is usually a hot climate with a sandy landscape. However, the Antarctic Desert is a cold climate. Most people would be very surprised to learn that it is still a desert because it is dry. One characteristic of a desert is that it has very little rainfall. The average rainfall in Antarctica (which is a desert) is only about 2 inches per year.

### The Lesser of Two Eels

#### Main Idea and Details

You might think that if you've seen one kind of eel, you've seen them all. That is simply not true. For example, consider the moray eel and the snipe eel. They are two very different eels. All eels are known for their long snake-like bodies, but these two eels have very different looks. Some moray eels can grow as long as fifteen feet. They can also be a variety of vibrant colors, and some can change their color to camouflage with their surroundings. On the other hand, the shape of a snipe eel resembles a snapped rubber band. They also have long pointed jaws that look similar to the beaks of snipe birds. That's where they get their name!

Aside from appearance, these eels live in completely different habitats. The moray eel lives in the sunlight zone. The snipe eel lives in the midnight zone. Even though the moray and snipe are both called eels, they live in very different habitats. However, they can be found in every ocean.

1. What is the main idea of this passage?
- a. If you've seen one kind of eel, you've seen them all.
  - b. The moray and snipe eels are both called eels, but they live in very different habitats.
  - c. All eels have long pointed jaws that look similar to the beaks of snipe birds.
  - d. Some moray eels can grow as long as fifteen feet.

# 3 Passages/Assessments

