	Le	sson Inform	ation and Ac	tivities				Principles of EL Instruction
Lesson Title: Main Idea (Guided Reading / Writing Activity)								
Content Area: English Language Arts/ESL Grade Level(s): 4th								
Unit Description: S expository text and		•						
Length of lesson: Five 25-minute guided reading lessons; Lesson One: Define main idea, details, and the Main Idea Strategy, discuss cover and predictions, as well as key vocabulary, Lesson Two: Model Main Idea Strategy, discuss Main Idea Table Top Graphic Organizer, begin reading and completing the graphic organizer, Lesson Three: Continue reading and completing graphic organizer, Lesson Four: Finish book, complete graphic organizer, and discuss, Lesson Five: Review, write letter								
Classroom setting (Group Guided Read	-	SL, push-in/	pull-out, d	ual languag	e, etc.): Co	ntent, Small		
English learners			Number	of ELs: 6				
Proficiency Levels	1	2	3	4	n/a			
ELs (numbers and/or names)	0	3	3	0	0			
Other relevant student information: Students range from Intermediate to Advance ELLs (Texas)								
Standards and Obj	Standards and Objectives							
<u>Standards</u> §110.15. English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 4, Beginning with School Year 2009-2010.						Define		
(1) Reading/Fluency. Students read grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. Students are expected to read aloud grade-level stories with fluency (rate, accuracy, expression, appropriate phrasing) and comprehension.								
(18) Writing/Expository and Procedural Texts. Students write expository and procedural or work-related texts to communicate ideas and information to specific audiences for specific purposes. Students are expected to:								
(C) write responses to literary or expository texts and provide evidence from the text to demonstrate understanding.								
(20) Oral and Written Conventions/Conventions. Students understand the function of and use the conventions of academic language when speaking and writing. Students continue to apply earlier standards with greater complexity. Students are expected to								
(C) use complete simple and compound sentences with correct subject-verb agreement.								
(28) Listening and Speaking/Speaking. Students speak clearly and to the point, using the conventions of language. Students continue to apply earlier standards with greater								

complexity. Students are expected to express an opinion supported by accurate information, employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, and enunciation, and the conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively.

§74.4. English Language Proficiency Standards.

(4) Effective instruction in second language acquisition involves giving ELLs opportunities to listen, speak, read, and write at their current levels of English development while gradually increasing the linguistic complexity of the English they read and hear, and are expected to speak and write.

Content Objectives: I will be able to...

- 1. Identify the terms main idea, details, and other key language terms in the text
- 2. Identify how to find the main idea of a text using the main idea strategy
- 3. Find the important and unimportant details in the text
- 4. Identify the main idea of the text
- 5. Draw on conclusions made about the text's main idea and create a response, providing evidence from the text to demonstrate understanding.

Language Objectives: I will be able to...

- 1. Define the terms main idea, details, and other key language terms verbally in discussion and written on dry erase boards
- 2. Describe the steps of the Main Idea strategy in a group discussion
- 3. Listen for and write the important details onto the Table Top graphic organizer
- 4. Formulate the main idea of the text using the important details collected from prior readings
- 5. Write a letter to a friend explaining why Cesar Chavez is a man to be remembered in their reading journals

<u>Assessment</u>

Describe how each objective will be assessed.

- Students will be randomly selected to verbally identify the terms main idea, details, and other key language terms in discussions, and provide written definitions and explanations on dry erase boards
- 2. Students will orally participate in the creation of a T-chart identifying the characteristics of the main idea strategy in a group discussion
- 3. Students will differentiate between unimportant and important details in the text and write the important details on their graphic organizers.

- 4. Students will use the collected details from prior readings to formulate the main idea of the text, write it on their graphic organizer, and assemble it.
- 5. Students will compose a letter informing a friend as to why Cesar Chavez is a man to be remembered, drawing on conclusions made about the text's main idea and providing evidence from the text to demonstrate understanding.

Incorporating all four language domains

Identify the language demands of the tasks related to each language domain.

	Written	Oral
	Reading	Listening
Receptive	The students will read the text that they will identify the main idea and details in the text	The students will listen to their peer's passages from the book and their responses to questions regarding the main idea and details
	Writing	Speaking
Productive	The students will record the information on the Main Idea Table Top graphic organizer as well as in a written essay that draws on conclusions made about the main idea and details	The students will provide oral responses to teacher led discussion about the main idea and details

Key language (words and phrases, grammatical structures, sentence types, structure and amount of speech/text, organization of ideas, genre, etc.)

General academic language	Language specific to the content area
Identify, draw on conclusions, differentiate, important, unimportant, compose, graphic organizer, textual evidence	Biography, expository text, main idea, details, immigrants, laborers, justice, unions

<u>Key characteristics of teacher talk (ways to make the content comprehensible for all</u> students, ways to model key language, etc.)

Simplify my language, not the content

Announce the lesson's objectives and activities prior to the lesson

Present new vocabulary, discuss and use it prior to reading

Employ paraphrasing and repetition to enhance understanding

Simplify sentence structures to reduce the complexity that some English learners find confusing

Give students opportunities, increase wait time, and respond positively to student's attempts, and model correct grammar

Apply

Modify

Define

Modify

How the lesson wi		Cultivate			
The students will be allowed to discuss the English passages with their partners in their home language					
Materials and Text					
Name	Genre (e.g., narrative)	Level	Connection to Students (What will this mean to them? How can you make it even more meaningful?)		Cultivate
Cesar Chavez: A Biography Juve All of the students are of Mexican American decent, and the text presents the life story biogr of an inspirational Mexican American labor leader who fights for justice					
Supplementary Ma	terials				
Main Idea Visual Strategy, Main Idea Table Top Graphic Organizer, Main Idea Mini-Anchor Chart, Main Idea Informational Text Example, Scissors, Glue, Laptop/Computer for PowerPoint, Dry Erase Boards, Dry Erase Markers, Reading Journals, Pencils					
Advance preparation	on				
 Collect a guided reading book for each of the students or enough to pair them up with Read the text to identify key vocabulary, supporting details, and main idea Copy Main Idea Visual Strategy Copy Main Idea Table Top Graphic Organizers Copy Main Idea Mini-Anchor Chart Copy Main Idea Informational Text Example Create Ladybugs Main Idea Table Top Graphic Organizer Collect dry erase boards and markers and additional materials if necessary 					
Warm-up	Lesso	ii iiiioriii	ation and Activities		
Warm-up Estimated Time: 1 Focus Objective (#					
Focus Language D					
Grouping: □X Independer Reason for groupi					
☐ First ☐ En language profi	glish □ Re ciency level	eading	□X Content □ Interest □ Other: understanding		

Building from Prior Learning	
Students have already been introduced to the Theme strategy in fictional	
books and can distinguish between fictional and expository texts.	
Activity Steps	
Students come to table with reading journals	
The teacher will review the objectives and activities for the lesson written on	Define
the dry erase board	
The teacher will introduce the text	
Students will read the title and look at the pictures to make a prediction	
about the text	Modify
Students will participate in a scavenger hunt of key vocabulary terms	,
introduced by the text	
Each student will write their term page number and definition on their dry	
erase boards, and read the sentence that contains the term	
Each student will share their term with the group as the teacher records	
them to a PowerPoint of the words to be distributed during the next session	
The teacher will discuss the Main Idea strategy and relate it to the student's	- c
prior knowledge of theme using the Main Idea Visual Strategy and Main Idea	Define
Mini-Anchor Chart and include key vocabulary such as main idea and details	
to the PowerPoint of words	
Students will compare the two strategies	
The teacher will create T-Chart for the differences and include it in the	
PowerPoint	
Students will complete a one-minute essay question asking the students,	
"What was the most important thing you learned? What important	
questions remain unanswered?" in their reading journals	
Scaffolds (including L1 support), differentiation, modifications	Modify
Vocabulary terms can be leveled	Widairy
Each student is responsible for one or more vocabulary terms	
A Main Idea Visual Strategy will be provided	
A Mini-Anchor Chart will be provided Compatible Assessment	
Formative Assessment	Apply
Have students write definitions for terms on dry erase boards Have students erally read contanges with terms and their definitions.	
Have students orally read sentences with terms and their definitions Have students verbally discuss the differences between the main idea.	
 Have students verbally discuss the differences between the main idea strategy and theme 	
Have students write a one-minute essay	
• Have students write a one-minute essay	-
<u>Presentation</u>	
Estimated Time: 2 Lessons	
Focus Objective (#): 3	
Focus Language Domains: □X Reading □X Writing □X Listening □X Speaking	
Grouping:	
□X Independent Work □X Pair □X Small Group □X Whole class	

Reason for grouping:		
☐ First ☐ English ☐ Reading ☐X Content ☐ Interest ☐ Other:	.	
language proficiency level understanding		
Building from Prior Learning		
Students are familiar with the text, Cesar Chavez: A Photo Illustrated	.	
Biography, that we will be reading and the strategy (Main Idea) we will be	.	
using.		
Activity Steps	.	
Students come to table with reading journals	.	
The teacher will review the objectives and activities for the lesson written on		
the dry erase board		Define
The teacher will review the one-minute essays from the lesson before, pass	.	
out PowerPoint notes, review the Main Idea strategy, and answer		
unanswered questions.		
The teacher will model the main idea strategy using the Main Idea		
Informational Text example (ladybugs)	.	Modify
The teacher will present how to utilize and create a Table Top graphic	.	
organizer for ladybugs	.	
Students will begin to read the text	.	
The teacher will alternate having students read aloud sections as other read	.	
at their own pace	.	
The teacher will stop the readers to discuss one important and unimportant	.	
detail	.	
Students will turn to a partner and discuss one important and unimportant	.	
event they have found in the reading so far	.	
Each student will then identify one important detail or one unimportant	.	
detail and write it on the dry erase board and support their categorization		
The remaining students will then vote on whether they agree or disagree,	.	
defending opposing positions if necessary		
The teacher will hand out the Table Top graphic organizer Contact will be in the investment data it as a state of the second seco	.	
Students will write the important details on the graphic organizer The teach or will revisit the article and details and the students had for the text.	.	
The teacher will revisit the original predictions the students had for the text Students will present new predictions if presents.	.	
Students will present new predictions if necessary Students will be asked to provide a written 12 word summary of important.	.	
 Students will be asked to provide a written 12-word summary of important aspects of a particular chunk of instruction or reading in their reading 		
journals	.	
Scaffolds (including L1 support), differentiation, modifications	.	
PowerPoint notes from the last lesson will be provided		Modify
The teacher will model the main idea strategy and how to create the Table		
Top graphic organizer		
Each student will read at their own pace and be provided opportunities to		
read aloud and listen to peers read aloud		
Each student will be provided a Table Top graphic organizer		C III
Discussion will be allowed amongst peers in home language		Cultivate

Formative Assessment

- Have students begin creating the Table Top graphic organizers by writing important details on the leg pieces
- Have students defend their positions regarding important and unimportant details in pairs and in an open group discussion
- Have students write a 12-word summary of important aspects of a particular chunk of instruction or reading

Practice/Application

Estimated Time: One Lesson

Focus Objec	tive (#): 4					
Focus Langu	age Domains:	□X Reading	□X Writing	□X Listening	□X Speaking	
Grouping:						
□X Independent Work		□X Pair		□X Small Group		
Reason for grouping:						
☐ First	□ English	□ Reading	☐ X Content	□ Interest	□ Other:	
language	proficiency	level	understanding	g		

Building from Prior Learning

 The students will have read the entire text, observed the modeling of the main idea strategy, and written all the important details on their graphic organizers

Activity Steps

- Students come to table with reading journals
- The teacher will review the objectives and activities for the lesson written on the dry erase board
- Students will discuss the important details they have recorded on their graphic organizers
- The teacher will ask the students how to create a main idea
- Students will respond with their ideas
- The teacher will provide the students with additional PowerPoint printouts that will include the Main Idea Visual Strategy, Anchor chart, and Main Idea Example
- The teacher will ask students to turn to their partner and discuss what they believe is the main idea of the text
- Each student will then identify their main idea and write it on the dry erase board and support their position
- The remaining students will then vote on whether they agree or disagree, defending opposing positions if necessary
- The teacher will respond positively to student's attempts and direct the student's in discussion as needed
- Students can revise their main ideas if necessary, then write them on their graphic organizers
- Students will then assemble the Table Top graphic organizer

Apply

Define

Modify

Apply

The teacher will lead a discussion to review the strategy used to create the main idea	
Students will then write a 3-2-1 quick assess where they jot down 3 ideas,	
concepts, or issues presented, 2 examples or uses of the idea or concept,	
and 1 unresolved question or a possible confusion in their reading journals	
Scaffolds (including L1 support), differentiation, modifications	
PowerPoint notes from the last lesson will be provided	Modify
Main Idea Visual Strategy, Anchor chart, and Main Idea Example will be	Ividuity
made available to each student	
Each student will be provided a Table Top graphic organizer	
Discussion will be allowed amongst peers in home language	
Formative Assessment	
Have students complete the written portion of the Table Top graphic	Apply
organizers by writing the main idea on the table top piece	
Have students assemble the Table Top graphic organizer with scissors and	
glue	
Have students defend their positions regarding the main idea pairs and in an	
open group discussion	
Have students write a 3-2-1 quick assess where they jot down 3 ideas,	
concepts, or issues presented, 2 examples or uses of the idea or concept,	
and 1 unresolved question or a possible confusion in their reading journals	
Wrap-Up/Evaluation	
Estimated Time: 1 Lesson	
Focus Objective (#): 5	
Focus Language Domains: Reading X Writing X Listening X Speaking	
Grouping:	
□X Independent Work □ Pair □ Small Group □ Whole class	
Reason for grouping:	
☐ First ☐ English ☐ Reading ☐X Content ☐ Interest ☐ Other:	
language proficiency level understanding	
understanding	
Building from Prior Learning	
The students will have completed their Table Top graphic organizer for the	
text and have reviewed PowerPoint notes and other supplemental materials	
used throughout the lessons	

Activity Steps

- Students come to table with reading journals
- The teacher will review the objectives and activities for the lesson written on the dry erase board
- The teacher will ask the students to what they remember about the strategy of main idea
- Students will respond
- The teacher will then show them the main idea visual strategy and remind them again that the main idea holds the detail together
- Students will write a letter to a friend in which they explain why Cesar Chavez is a man to be remembered in their reading journals. They will be required to use textual evidence to support their claims and the goal will be to clearly convey a main idea

Scaffolds (including L1 support), differentiation, modifications

- Each student will be provided their fully assembled Main Idea Table Top as well as the text
- They will also be allowed to use their bilingual dictionaries

Extension Activities/Assignments

- The teacher will grade:
 - o the one-minute essay, 12 word summary, and 3-2-1 quick assess
 - o the assembled Main Idea Table Top
 - o the letter to a friend
- Subsequent days, students could work on revising, editing, and publishing their letter in a writing workshop

Bonus Points: Plans to engage with Community, Parents and other Educational Stakeholders

• Have students write a letter to their Congressman persuading them to declare Cesar Chavez Day a national holiday.

Reflection: What went well, what you might change for next time

• I have not attempted this lesson plan. I do anticipate that the reading may take longer and that the text may prove too challenging for some students. Any book of historical figures that is appropriate for the current levels of English development of your students can easily replace the text used for this lesson.

Modify

Cultivate

Cultivate

Main Idea and Details

What are they?

A Main Idea is what the text is all about. The Details are the key points that support the Main Idea.

Ask Yourself

What is the passage mostly about?

What is another title for the text?

What is an important detail from this selection?

Which detail best supports the main idea?

Look for these Words

mostly about
another title
important details
unimportant details
best describes
main purpose
lesson learned

Follow These Steps

Read the title and look at the pictures to make a prediction about the text.





As you read, identify the important and unimportant details.





Use the important details to create the main idea.

Graphic Organizers



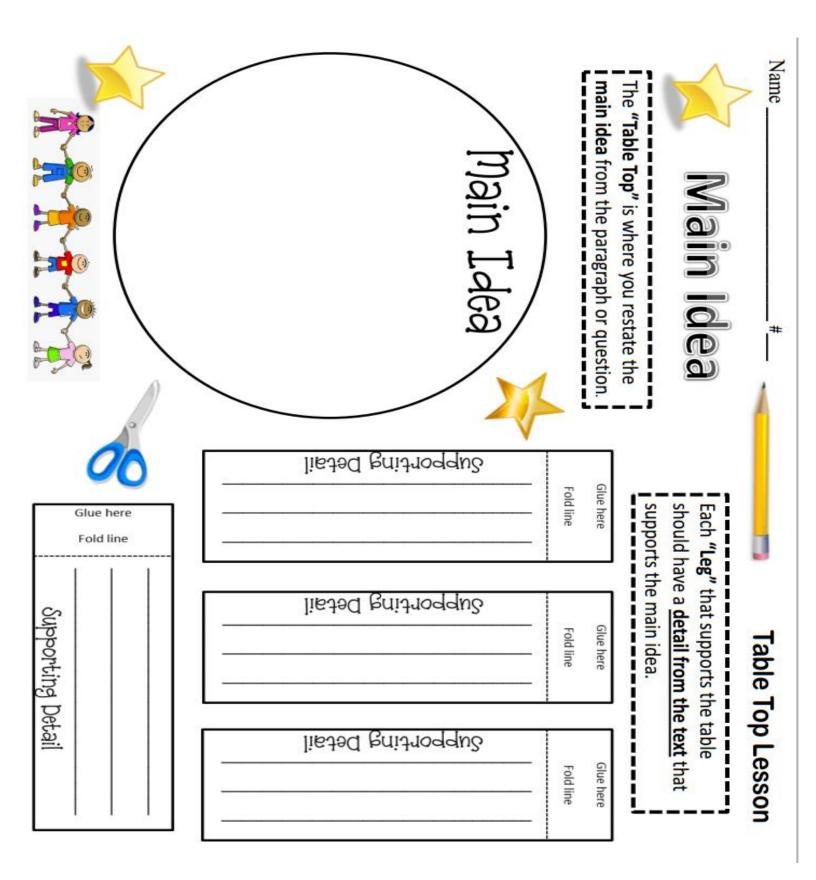


Main Idea

Detail

Detail

Detail



The MAIN IDEA holds the details together. Detail

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