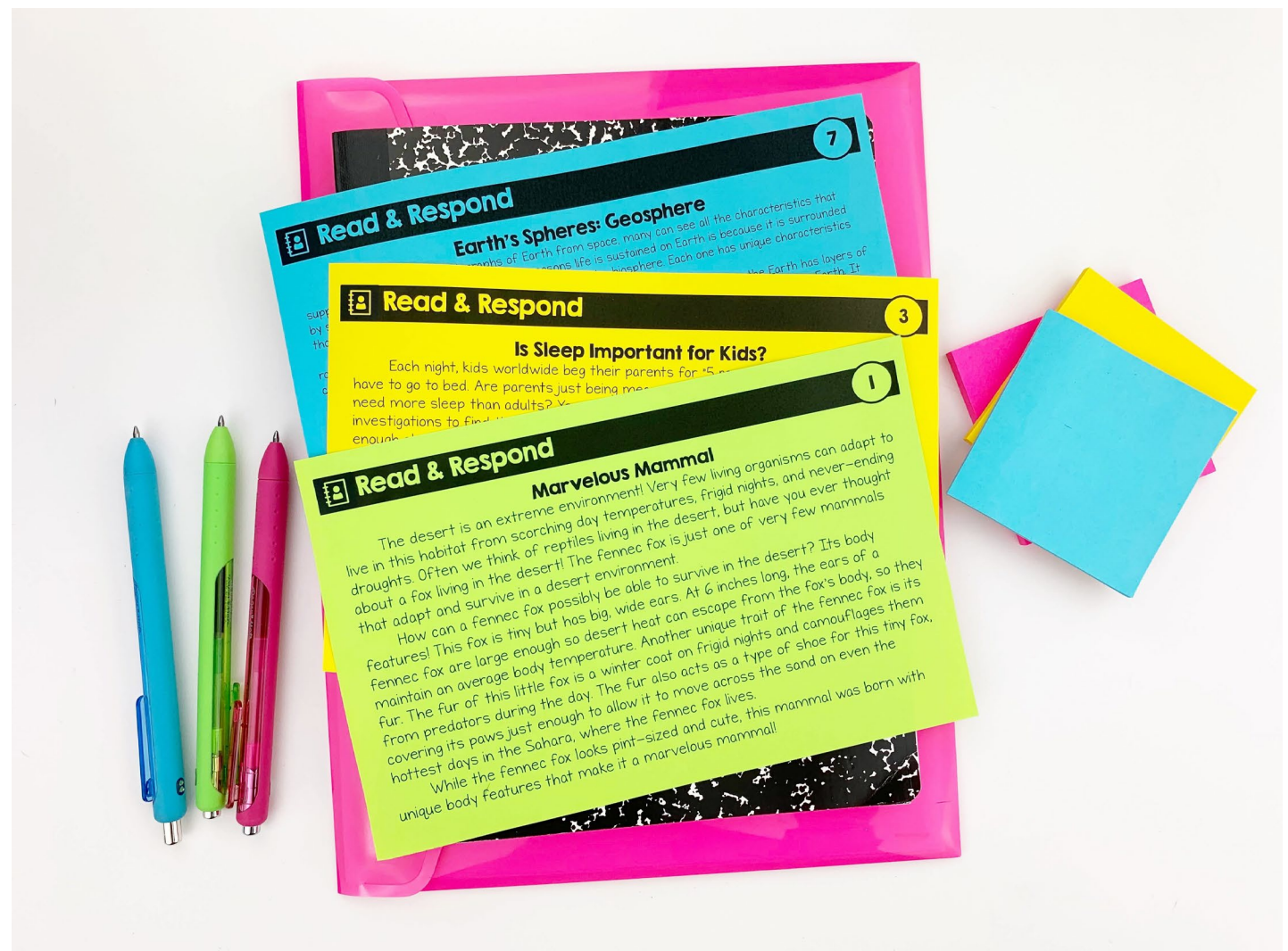
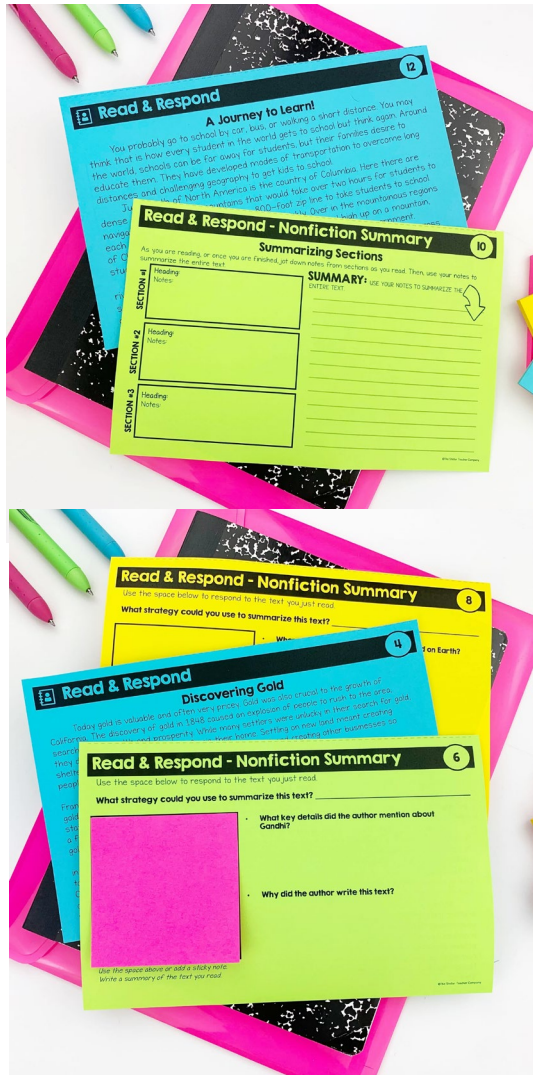


SUMMARIZING NONFICTION READ & RESPOND TASK CARDS



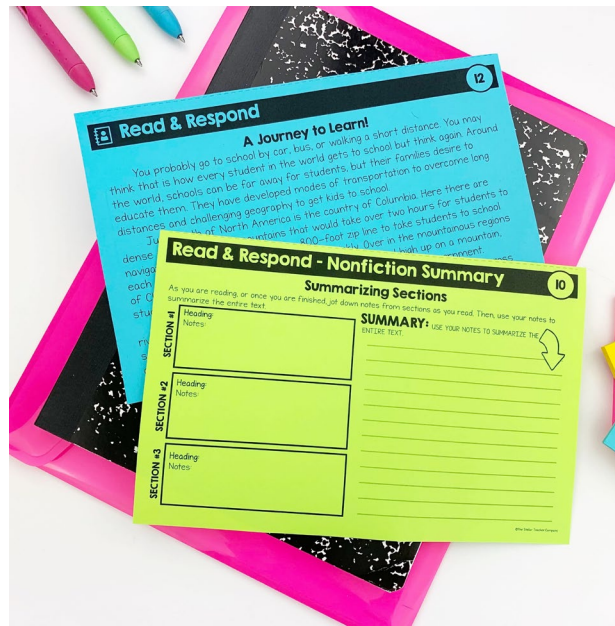
WHAT'S INCLUDED?

This resource includes 20 reading task cards that contain short reading passages that will help your students practice summarizing nonfiction.

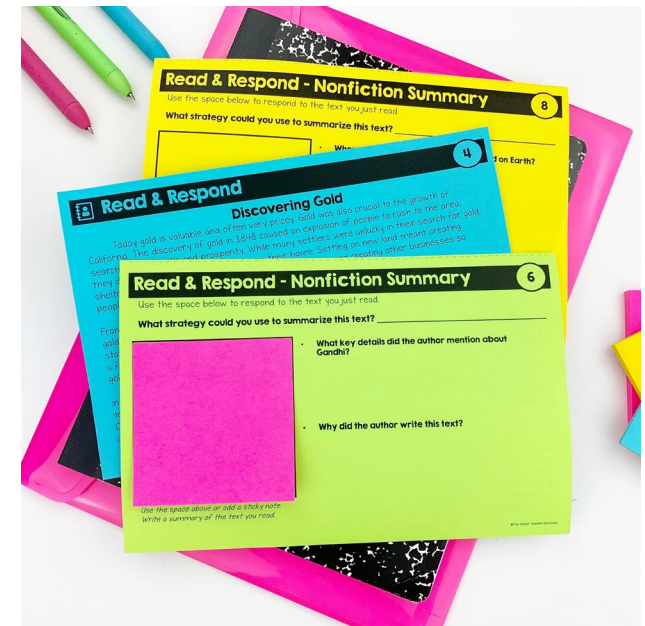
Task cards can be printed in three different ways.



Option #1 - Just the text



Option #2 - Text and Graphic Organizer Template



Option #3 - Text and Response Questions

Digital versions are included for all three sets of task cards.

Option #1 - Just the Text

One of the printing options for the task cards is to print JUST the text. Each task card has a short reading passages (takes up half a page). The passages lend themselves to summarizing nonfiction, but you really could use them to teach any nonfiction skill.



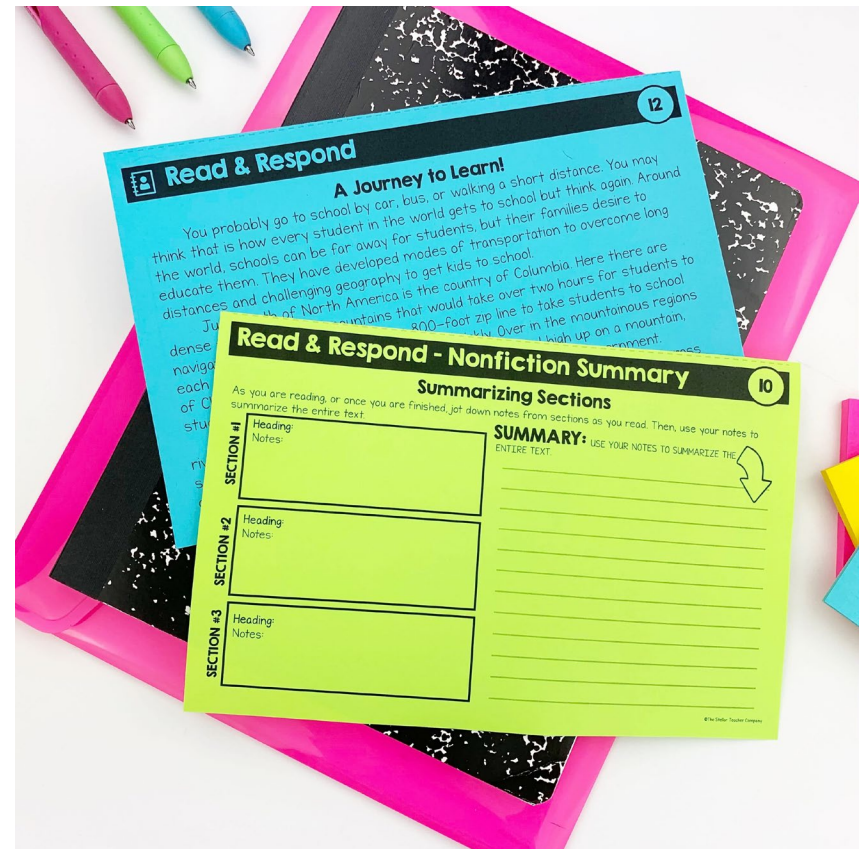
- This set of task cards is ideal if you want to use them in the “traditional” task card way.
- I suggest printing them on cardstock and either putting them all on a book ring or in a photo box.
- There are 3 options of reading response sheets included so students can read the passages and respond on a separate page.



Option #2 - Passage & Graphic Organizer

One of the printing options includes the passage and a graphic organizer template. These task cards can be printed front and back and work great in a center, as part of your small group instruction, or even for guided practice.

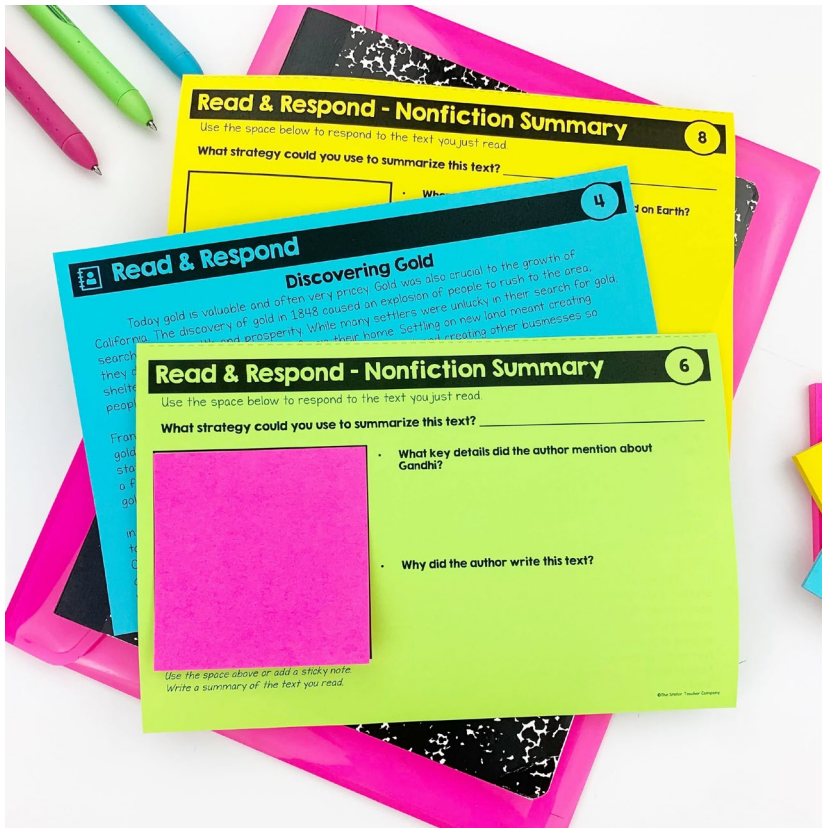
- On the front of each task card is a short reading passage (the same numbers and titles as option #1).
- On the back, there is a graphic organizer template that will help students organize text details that will help them summarize the text.
- Students can use ANY strategy to summarize the text, but the graphic organizer templates will give them a variety of strategies to try.



Digital versions are included for all three sets of task cards.

Option #3 - Passage & Response Questions

One of the printing options includes the passage and reading response questions. These task cards can be printed front and back and work great in a center, as part of your small group instruction, or even for guided practice.



- On the front of each task card is a short reading passage (the same numbers and titles as option #1).
- On the back, there is space for a sticky note so students can jot down their thinking about the text. There are also two text-based comprehension questions.

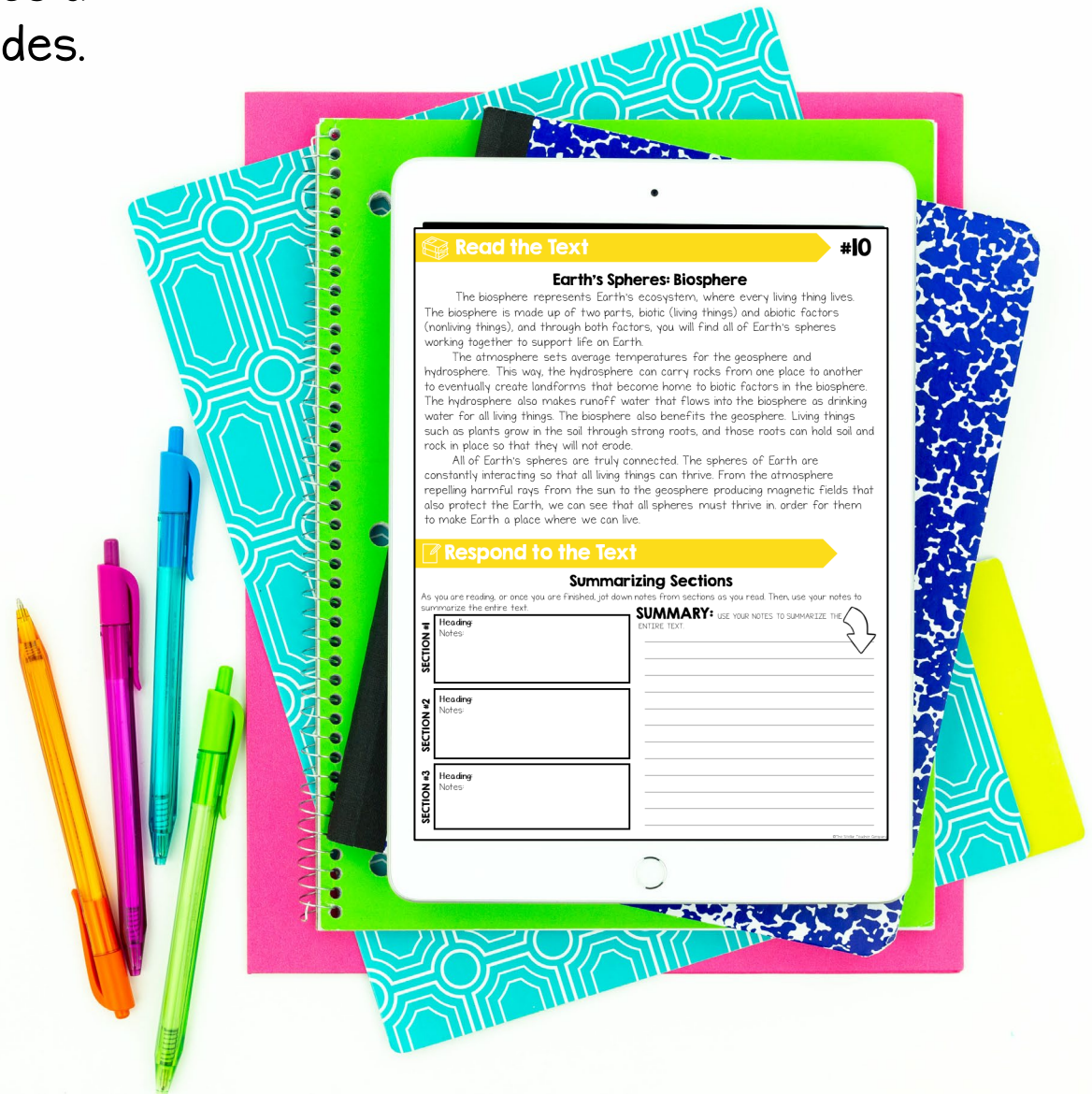
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Includes Digital Versions

I love to provide both print and digital options in my resources. This resource includes a digital version created using Google Slides.

There are three different digital versions included (to match the three different printing options).

- **Option 1:** The text with a generic space for student response.
- **Option 2:** The text with the graphic organizer at the bottom (this one is pictured to the right)
- **Option 3:** The text with the text-based comprehension questions on the bottom.



A LOOK INSIDE...(option 2)

Read & Respond 1

Marvelous Mammal

The desert is an extreme environment! Very few living organisms can adapt to live in this habitat from scorching day temperatures, frigid nights, and never-ending droughts. Often we think of reptiles living in the desert, but have you ever thought about a fox living in the desert? The Fennec fox is just one of very few mammals that adapt and survive in a desert environment.

How can a fennec fox possibly be able to survive in the desert? Its body features! This fox is tiny but has big, wide ears. At 6 inches long, the ears of a fennec fox are large enough so desert heat can escape from the fox's body, so they maintain an average body temperature. Another unique trait of the fennec fox is its fur. The fur of this little fox is a winter coat on frigid nights and camouflages them from predators during the day. The fur also acts as a type of shoe for this tiny fox, covering its paws just enough to allow it to move across the sand on even the hottest days in the Sahara, where the fennec fox lives.

While the fennec fox looks pint-sized and cute, this mammal was born with unique body features that make it a marvelous mammal!

Read & Respond 11

Community Saves a Team

When a boys soccer team entered a cave in Thailand on June 23, 2018, for a ceremony, they had no idea of the 17-day journey they were about to begin. After entering the cave, it began to rain heavily, and this flooded the cave enough that the team and their coach were trapped. Parents were alarmed when their children did not return home, so the community began looking for the boys and eventually found their bikes, alerting them that they were trapped in the cave.

The community sprang into action, trying to plan out ways to get to the team to make sure they were OK and rescue them. Nine days later, on July 2, Thai Navy Seal divers found the team 2.5 miles from the cave entrance. All were alive and practicing meditation with their coach to save energy and stay calm. It was not easy for the Thai Navy Seal divers to get to the team, and they knew it would be even more of a challenge to get everyone out safely. They had to make a step-by-step plan to navigate the cave with the team to get them all out. On July 3, with help and resources from Australia, Britain, China, Israel, and the United States, the team began learning to swim to prepare to get out of the cave safely.

Rescue workers worked quickly, encountering low oxygen levels, declining overall health of the team. Finally, on July 8, the rescue of the entire soccer team began, and by July 10, all 12 boys and their coach were successfully saved from the cave.

Read & Respond 19

Not Just a Sunburn

Put on sunscreen! Many have experienced the effects of not putting on sunscreen, a sunburn. Sunburns are what occurs when you don't apply enough or any sunscreen. The sun's rays will turn skin red or even cause the skin to have painful blisters. Not everyone gets a sunburn, and others' skin will tan and turn a bronze-like color from the rays of the sun. Whether skin tans or burns from the sun rays, not using sunscreen to protect against the sun's rays can cause some dangerous long-term effects.

When people do not apply sunscreen and sit unprotected, exposed to the sun's rays, it can cause wrinkles, age spots, and even bruising. All of these effects cause the skin to age or appear older much quicker than usual. An even more dangerous impact of being exposed to the sun's rays without sunscreen is skin cancer. Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the US, and the number of cases increases each year. The three types of skin cancer caused by the sun's rays are basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and melanoma. Fortunately, most of these types of skin cancer are curable if identified and treated early. Scientists have identified the sun's rays as the leading cause of skin cancer. Negative effects of exposure to the sun's rays can be avoided by applying sunscreen every two hours when a person knows they are being exposed to the sun's rays.

Read & Respond 2

Climate Around the World

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Read & Respond 12

A Journey to Learn!

You probably go to school by car, bus, or walking a short distance. You may think that is how every student in the world gets to school but think again. Around the world, schools can be far away for students, but their families desire to get them to school.

Read & Respond 20

Dr. Mae Jemison

Some kindergarteners dream of being a pop star or a superhero when they grow up, but not Dr. Mae Jemison. At a very young age, Dr. Jemison told her teachers that she would grow up to become a scientist one day. At the age of 16, Dr. Jemison enrolled at Stanford University, where she earned degrees in African American studies and Chemical Engineering.

Read & Respond - Nonfiction Summary 1

Nonfiction Summary

As you read or after reading, use the checklist below to help you craft a nonfiction summary. Be sure to make sure your summary includes all the characteristics of a strong summary.

STRONG SUMMARY CHECKLIST	My Summary:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Around 4-5 sentencesClearly state the main ideaOnly includes key detailsConsider the author's purposeMirrors the structure of the textUse your own words	

Read & Respond - Nonfiction Summary 11

5W Questions

As you read or after reading, jot down some notes about the text using the 5W questions. Then, turn your paper over and use your notes to write a summary. Use the checklist to make sure you have written a strong summary!

QUESTIONS	NOTES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Who is the text mostly about?What events happened?When did these events take place?Where do these events take place?Why did the author write this text?How did the author organize the text?	

Use the questions to guide your reading. Take notes as you read!

Read & Respond - Nonfiction Summary 19

Nonfiction Text Structure

Use the questions in the Beginning, Middle, End checklist boxes to guide your notetaking as you read. Turn your page over and use your notes to write a strong summary of the text.

BEGINNING	MIDDLE	END
State the main idea (topic of text). (When you state the main idea, you should hint at the structure of the text)	Include details you learned in the same organization structure the author used. Use some of the same key words and phrases.	Share a concluding statement that includes the main idea and structure of the text.

Read & Respond - Nonfiction Summary 2

TAMKO

As you are reading, or once you are finished, use this space to the right to jot down your thinking about the text using TAMKO as a guide. Then, on a separate sheet of paper, write a summary of the text.

Text Type	My Notes:
State the title and type of text. (Example: In the book, <i>Take Beer</i> explains...)	
Author and Action: Name the author and a verb. (<i>Take Beer</i> explains...)	
Main Topic: State the main idea or topic. (Example: <i>The negative impact of plastic</i>)	
The rest of your summary:	
Key Details: Include 2-3 key details from the text.	
Organization: How is the text organized? Use the same structure to organize your summary.	

Read & Respond - Nonfiction Summary 12

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Read & Respond - Nonfiction Summary 20

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Beginning	Middle	End
Think about the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">What is the main idea?What is the author's purpose in writing this text?	Think about the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">What key details did the author include?How is the text organized?What sections do you notice in the text?	Think about the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">What details did the author include?What did you learn about this topic?What will stick with you about this text?
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Read & Respond 3

Is Sleep Important for Kids?

Each night, kids worldwide beg their parents for "5 more minutes!" and often still have to go to bed. Are parents just being mean, or is there scientific proof that kids need more sleep than adults? Yes, scientists have completed multiple studies and investigations to find that kids need more sleep than adults. They found that not getting enough sleep can cause negative impacts on the overall health of a child as they grow.

Scientists found on average that adults need to sleep around 7 to 9 hours while kids need 9 to 11 hours of sleep nightly. A big reason kids need more sleep—they are still growing! Kids' physical bodies grow when they sleep, but their brains grow as well, and with a few extra hours of sleep each night, kids can grow healthily. Not getting enough sleep can lead to very negative consequences. Kids may become so tired that they can't focus during school or make them feel too tired to participate in physical activities. Kids who don't get enough sleep can also become irritable or cranky in their mood or even get sick.

Kids need to get plenty of rest. Planning out a daily bedtime routine and sticking with it is one of the best ways to ensure kids get plenty of sleep. Getting plenty of sleep helps kids grow both physically and mentally!

Read & Respond 5

Searching for Pandas

Worldwide, giant pandas are a favorite of many, but there is a slight chance you will get to see them in person. Pandas adapt to live in a particular habitat only found in China. It would take climbing high into the mountains of China to see a panda in person. They thrive in high mountainous regions surrounded by cool, wet bamboo forests. Here a giant panda will feast on around 30 pounds of bamboo for 12 hours out of the day. Pandas do not have many natural predators here but have a powerful sense of smell to alert them to danger. Because they can smell and hide away so well, it is tough for scientists to observe them in nature. Scientists have to make a broad estimate (1,000 - 3,000) of how many giant pandas are alive in the wild. Through advanced technology, scientists have at least been able to conduct DNA studies to make this estimate.

What is the giant panda's biggest predator? Sadly, it is humans. Due to population growth in Asia, deforestation has caused much of the giant panda's habitat to be destroyed, driving them out of habitats they rely on to survive. To revive habitats for giant pandas, the Chinese government presently has over 50 panda reserves to help regrow panda populations.

Read & Respond 2

Climate Around the World

Earth's climates are diverse with a variety of characteristics. Climate is not hourly or daily weather, but instead is the average weather of a place, and is measured over several years. Temperature and weather events are some of the best ways to describe an area's climate.

Polar climates are located at the poles of the Earth. These climates are cold year-round. Temperatures are below 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Surprisingly, these climates are hot temperatures here, you would expect them to be cold.

Not lacking in precipitation, these climates are almost always warm and wet. This is almost daily, one of the biggest and frequent rain make this climate (water as a gas) found in the middle of the Earth sits the closest to the sun, making these climates warmer. The closer to the sun, the warmer the climate will be. Knowing better helps scientists measure climate.

Read & Respond 4

Discovering Gold

Today gold is valuable and often very pricey. Gold was also crucial to the growth of California. The discovery of gold in 1848 caused an explosion of people to rush to the area, searching for wealth and prosperity. While many settlers were unlucky in their search for gold, they decided to stay and make California their home. Settling on new land meant creating a new state.

Read & Respond 6

Mahatma Gandhi

Have you ever thought about how you solve conflicts with others? You often think about getting back at others verbally or physically if you feel a situation is unfair. One person we can look to as an example is Mahatma Gandhi.

Read & Respond - Nonfiction Summary 1

Use the space below to respond to the text you just read.

What strategy could you use to summarize this text?

- Where does the fennec fox live?
- Describe some adaptations of the fennec fox. Include examples from the text.

Use the space above or add a sticky note. Write a summary of the text you read.

Read & Respond - Nonfiction Summary 3

Use the space below to respond to the text you just read.

What strategy could you use to summarize this text?

- Why do kids need more sleep than adults?
- What are the negative impacts of kids not getting enough sleep?

Use the space above or add a sticky note. Write a summary of the text you read.

Read & Respond - Nonfiction Summary 5

Use the space below to respond to the text you just read.

What strategy could you use to summarize this text?

- Describe the habitat of a giant panda?
- Why are there few giant pandas worldwide?

Use the space above or add a sticky note. Write a summary of the text you read.

Read & Respond - Nonfiction Summary 2

Use the space below to respond to the text you just read.

What strategy could you use to summarize this text?

- What is climate?
- Compare and contrast climates found on earth.

Use the space above or add a sticky note. Write a summary of the text you read.

Read & Respond - Nonfiction Summary 4

Use the space below to respond to the text you just read.

What strategy could you use to summarize this text?

- What has caused settlers to move west to California?
- Why was California given statehood?

Use the space above or add a sticky note. Write a summary of the text you read.

Read & Respond - Nonfiction Summary 6

Use the space below to respond to the text you just read.

What strategy could you use to summarize this text?

- What key details did the author mention about Gandhi?
- Why did the author write this text?

Use the space above or add a sticky note. Write a summary of the text you read.