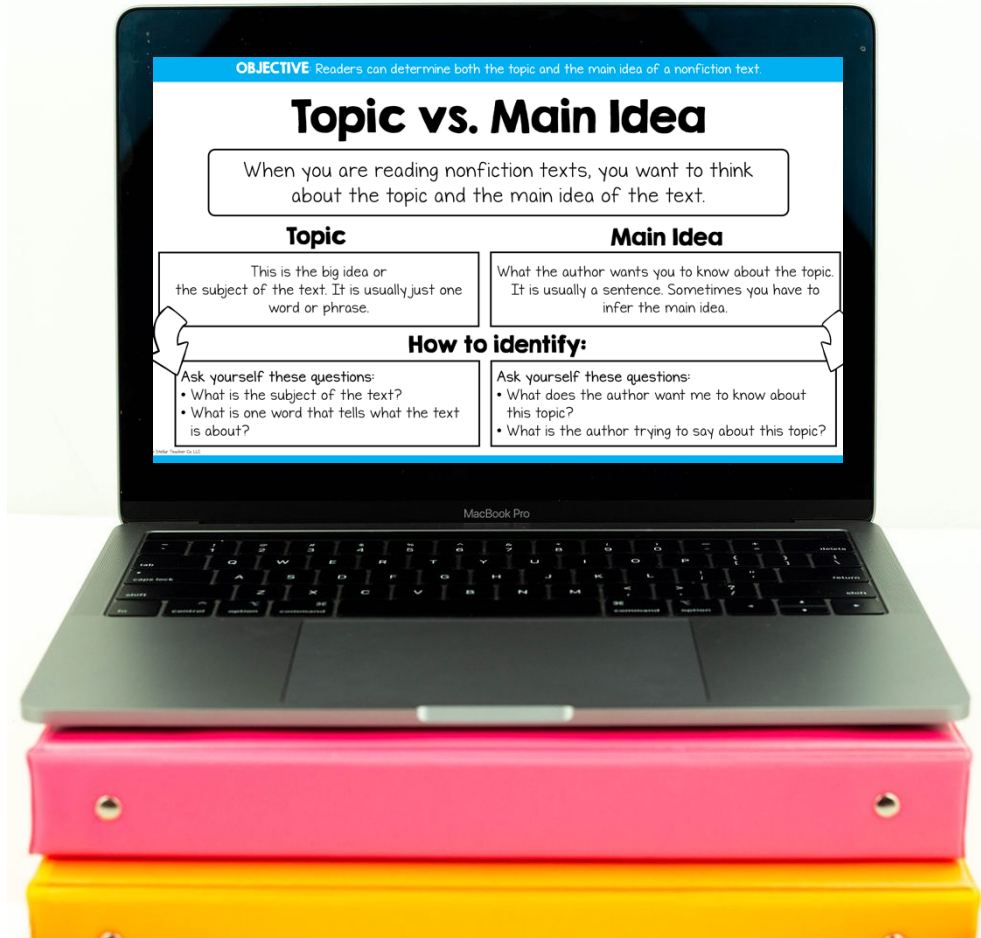
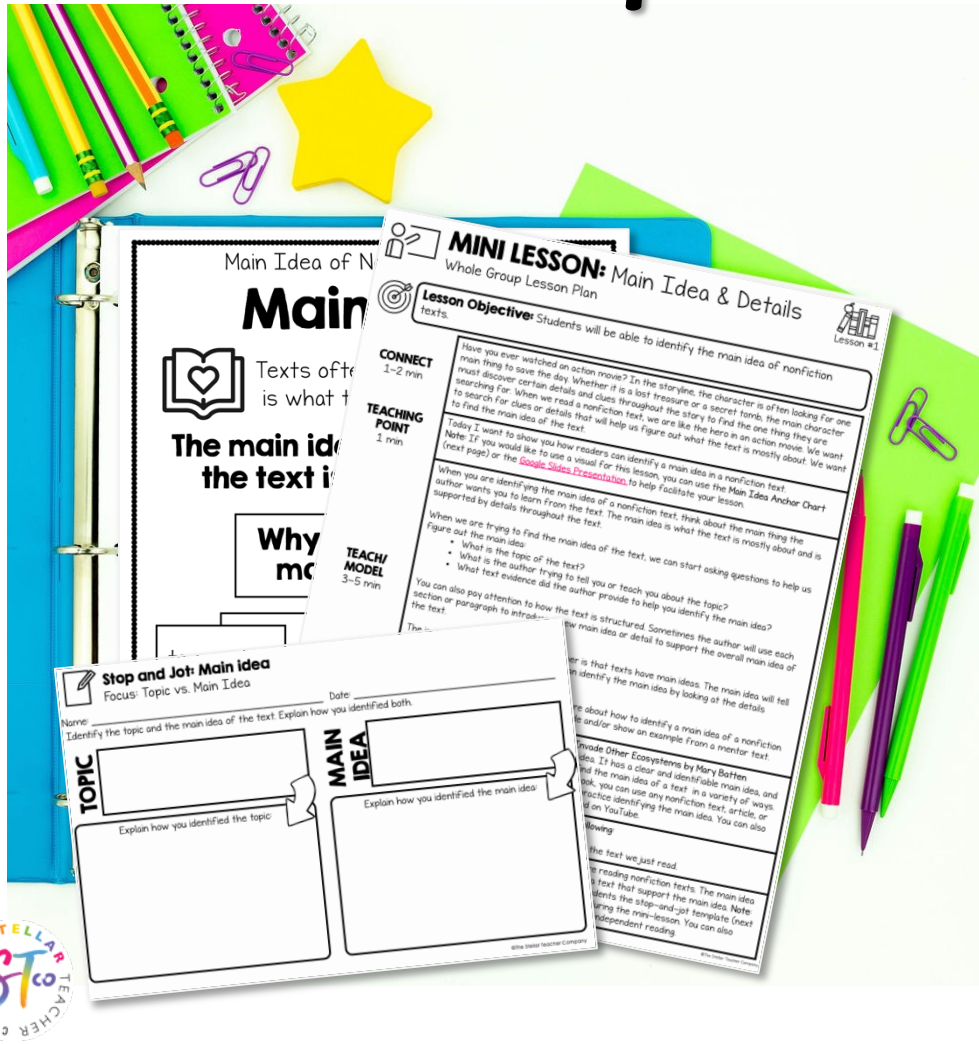


MAIN IDEA

12 Low Prep Reading Lesson Sets



Lesson Plans • Anchor Charts • Google Slides • Graphic Organizers

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REASONS TO LOVE

THESE MAIN IDEA LESSON SETS

TIME-SAVING

I know a teacher's to-do list is massive, but with this resource, you can cross lesson planning off your list. This resource gives you everything you need for your whole group lessons on identifying the main idea of a nonfiction text: scripted lesson plans, whole group teaching slides, anchor charts, and graphic organizers.

CLEAR AND CONCISE

These lessons make it super easy for you to clearly communicate, teach, and model each objective to your students. The lesson plans will help you deliver a clear and effective lesson, and the visuals included will help your students understand exactly what you are teaching.

LOW PREP FOR TEACHERS

This resource seriously is just print and teach. You won't have to prep any materials for your lessons. Think how much time you will save not having to type out lesson plans or prep anchor charts or slides for your lessons. They are all done for you with this resource.

Main Idea of Nonfiction Texts

Topic Sentence



Readers can identify the main idea by reading the topic sentence.

The topic sentence is usually the first sentence of a paragraph.



TOPIC SENTENCE

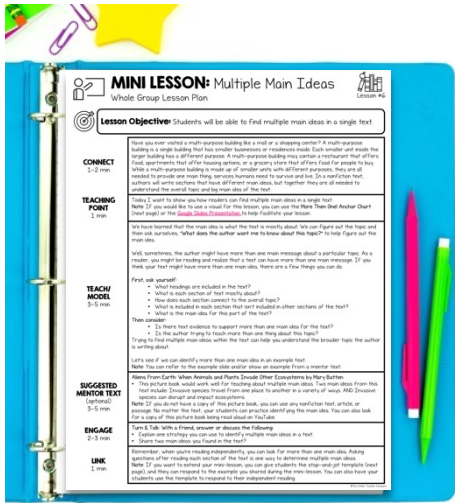
Whales often use noises to help them find food. They can use their tails and fins to make loud clapping noises on the surface of the water. This can scare schools of fish together which makes it easier for the whales to locate food...

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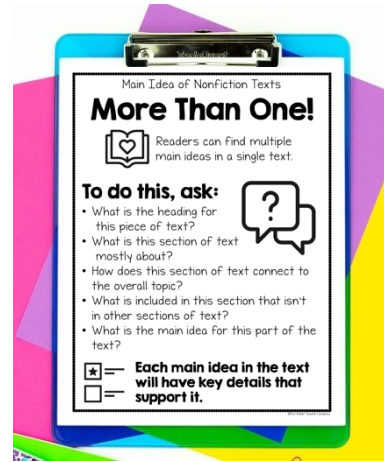
For each lesson you get a scripted lesson plan, anchor chart, teaching slide set, and half-page graphic organizer.

12 SCRIPTED LESSON PLANS



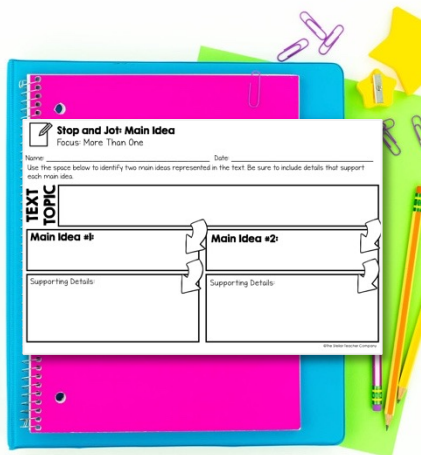
These lesson plans are scripted and ready to go. You can attach them to your weekly lesson plan, use them to prep your lesson, or even read from them while teaching.

12 PRINTABLE ANCHOR CHARTS



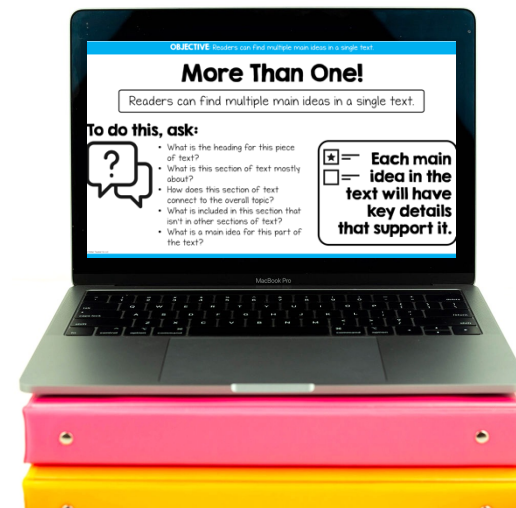
Each lesson comes with a full-page printable anchor chart. Post it in your classroom after your lesson, or shrink it down to 85% and have students glue it in their notebooks.

12 MINI GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS



Each lesson includes a half-page graphic organizer. Students can use this during your lesson or you can assign it to them as independent practice after your lesson.

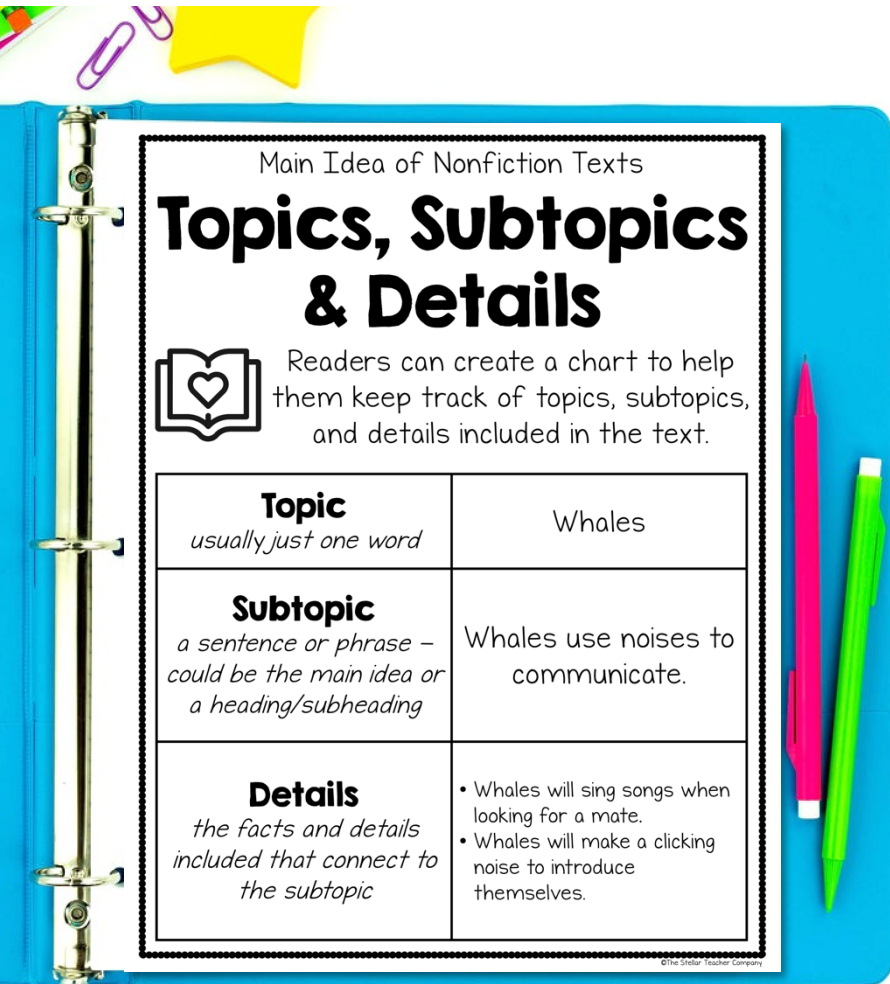
TEACHING SLIDES FOR EACH LESSON



Each lesson includes a set of teaching slides to help you teach, practice, and discuss the objective. These slides help you deliver an effective and engaging lesson.

WHAT LESSONS ARE INCLUDED?

This resource includes 12 lessons that are all connected to finding the main idea. You can teach all 12 or select the lessons that are most relevant to what your students need. These lessons are also great if you need to quickly spiral or review a concept.



Lesson #1: Main Idea

Lesson #2: Topic vs. Main Idea

Lesson #3: Topic Sentences

Lesson #4: Heading Clues

Lesson #5: Repeated Words or Phrases

Lesson #6: Multiple Main Ideas

Lesson #7: Topic/Subtopic/Details

Lesson #8: Main Idea of Text Sections

Lesson #9: Using Facts to Generate Main Idea

Lesson #10: Summarizing Plot

Lesson #11: Text Feature & Main Idea Connection

Lesson #12: Main Idea Clues

Just print the set you want to teach, and you're set for a stellar whole group lesson.

LOW PREP and EASY-TO-USE



MINI LESSON: Repeated Words & Phrases

Whole Group Lesson Plan



Lesson #5



Lesson Objective: Students will be able to identify the main idea by looking for repeated words or phrases.

CONNECT

1-2 min

How often do I remind you to put your name on the top of your paper? Every day, right? In fact, I remind you multiple times every day. Why is that? I want to make sure you are always ready to start your work. Authors know this as well and use repeated words or phrases to draw attention to important details.

TEACHING POINT

1 min

Today I want to show you how to find repeated words or phrases. Note: If you would like to use the Main Idea Chart (next page) or the Main Idea Chart (next page).

When words or phrases are repeated in a text, they are important. If a word or phrase is repeated in a text, it is probably connected to the main idea of the text.

TEACH/ MODEL

3-5 min

When you notice something is repeated in a text, ask yourself:

- Where else in the text did this word or phrase appear?
- Why does this word or phrase keep repeating?
- Is this word or phrase important to the text?

Remember: Authors use repeated words or phrases to draw attention to important details.

Once you've spent some time looking for repeated words or phrases, the last thing you want to do is forget about them. How can I use this information?

Let's look for repeated words or phrases in a text. Note: You can use the Main Idea Chart (next page) or the Main Idea Chart (next page).

SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXT

(optional)
3-5 min

Aliens From Earth
• This picture book is about ecosystems. Note: If you do not have a copy of this book, you can look for a copy of this book.

Main Idea of Nonfiction Texts

What is Repeated?



Readers can identify the main idea by looking for repeated words or phrases.

When words or phrases get repeated it is often a sign they are important.



When you notice something is repeated, ask yourself:

- Where else in the text did this word or phrase appear?

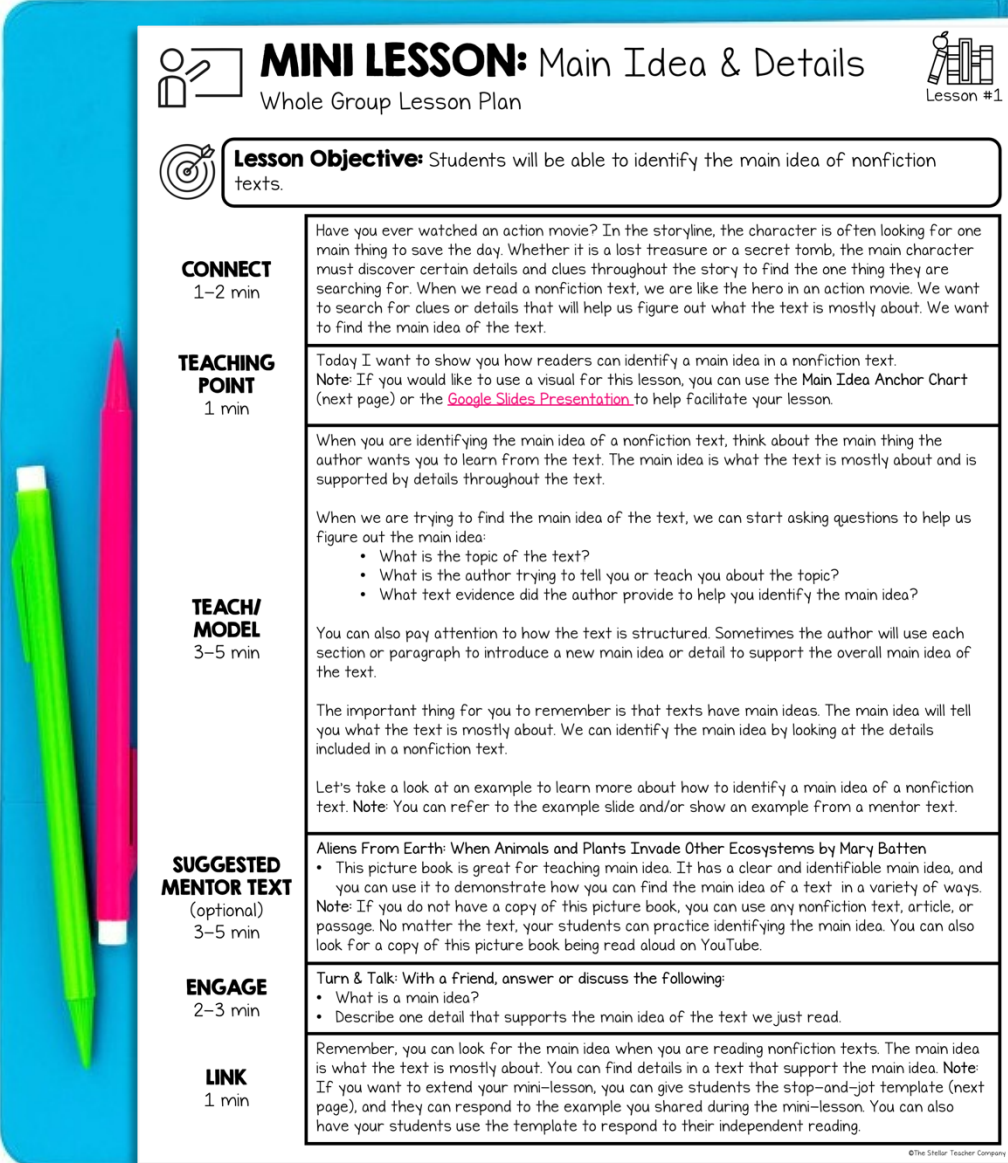
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...

SCRIPTED TEACHER LESSON PLAN

Each lesson set includes a scripted teacher lesson plan. It provides you with the exact language you can use to teach that objective. These lesson plans will help keep your lessons short and concise.

Each lesson plan includes the following sections:

- Connect & Introduce Objective
- Teach & Model
- Suggested Mentor Text Title
- Engage Questions
- Closure



MINI LESSON: Main Idea & Details
Whole Group Lesson Plan Lesson #1

Lesson Objective: Students will be able to identify the main idea of nonfiction texts.

CONNECT
1–2 min
Have you ever watched an action movie? In the storyline, the character is often looking for one main thing to save the day. Whether it is a lost treasure or a secret tomb, the main character must discover certain details and clues throughout the story to find the one thing they are searching for. When we read a nonfiction text, we are like the hero in an action movie. We want to search for clues or details that will help us figure out what the text is mostly about. We want to find the main idea of the text.

TEACHING POINT
1 min
Today I want to show you how readers can identify a main idea in a nonfiction text.
Note: If you would like to use a visual for this lesson, you can use the Main Idea Anchor Chart (next page) or the [Google Slides Presentation](#) to help facilitate your lesson.

When you are identifying the main idea of a nonfiction text, think about the main thing the author wants you to learn from the text. The main idea is what the text is mostly about and is supported by details throughout the text.

When we are trying to find the main idea of the text, we can start asking questions to help us figure out the main idea:

- What is the topic of the text?
- What is the author trying to tell you or teach you about the topic?
- What text evidence did the author provide to help you identify the main idea?

TEACH/ MODEL
3–5 min
You can also pay attention to how the text is structured. Sometimes the author will use each section or paragraph to introduce a new main idea or detail to support the overall main idea of the text.

The important thing for you to remember is that texts have main ideas. The main idea will tell you what the text is mostly about. We can identify the main idea by looking at the details included in a nonfiction text.

Let's take a look at an example to learn more about how to identify a main idea of a nonfiction text. Note: You can refer to the example slide and/or show an example from a mentor text.

SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXT
(optional)
3–5 min
Aliens From Earth: When Animals and Plants Invade Other Ecosystems by Mary Batten
• This picture book is great for teaching main idea. It has a clear and identifiable main idea, and you can use it to demonstrate how you can find the main idea of a text in a variety of ways.
Note: If you do not have a copy of this picture book, you can use any nonfiction text, article, or passage. No matter the text, your students can practice identifying the main idea. You can also look for a copy of this picture book being read aloud on YouTube.

ENGAGE
2–3 min
Turn & Talk: With a friend, answer or discuss the following:

- What is a main idea?
- Describe one detail that supports the main idea of the text we just read.

LINK
1 min
Remember, you can look for the main idea when you are reading nonfiction texts. The main idea is what the text is mostly about. You can find details in a text that support the main idea. Note: If you want to extend your mini-lesson, you can give students the stop-and-jot template (next page), and they can respond to the example you shared during the mini-lesson. You can also have your students use the template to respond to their independent reading.

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TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...

PRINTABLE ANCHOR CHART



Each lesson includes a printable anchor chart. You can either print this chart and display it under a document camera to help teach your lesson or you can always give students a copy of the anchor chart after the lesson to glue in their folder or notebook.

These anchor charts include all the key information students need to remember from your lesson.



Main Idea of Nonfiction Texts

Main Idea



Texts often have a main idea. This is what the text is mostly about.

The main idea explains what the text is mostly about.

Why do whales make noise?

to socialize with other whales

to navigate the ocean as they travel

to help find schools of fish to eat



Main Idea: Whales use noise to socialize, navigate the ocean, and find food.

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TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...

MINI GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

Each lesson includes a half-page graphic organizer related to the objective. These graphic organizer work with any text.

You can use them during the lesson to help model the concept to your students.

Or, you can give them to students after the lesson and have them practice applying the objective to their independent reading.

You can also use them during your small group lessons.



Stop and Jot: Main Idea

Focus: Main Idea and Details

Name: _____ Date: _____

Think about what the text is mostly about. Jot down the main idea and 3 supporting details from the text.

Main Idea:		
Supporting Detail:	Supporting Detail:	Supporting Detail:

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Stop and Jot: Understanding Main Idea

Focus: Main Idea and Details

Name: _____ Date: _____

Think about what the text is mostly about. Jot down the main idea and 3 supporting details from the text.

Main Idea:		
Supporting Detail:	Supporting Detail:	Supporting Detail:

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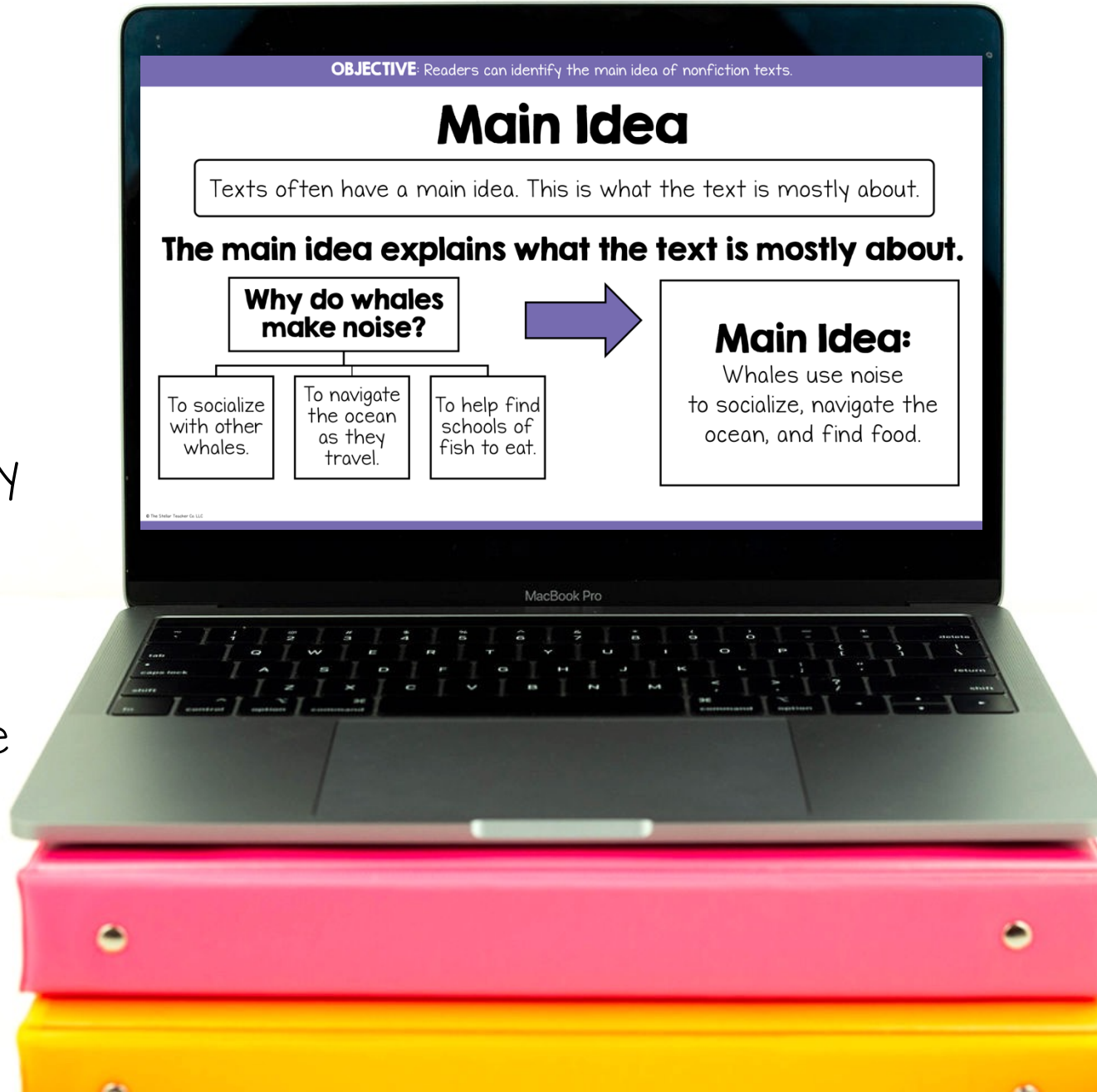


TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...

GOOGLE SLIDE SET: TEACHING SLIDE

Each lesson includes a teaching slide. This slide includes a lot of the same information on the anchor chart.

It is a great slide to display during the teach/model portion of your lesson. It will help you clearly communicate the objective to your students.

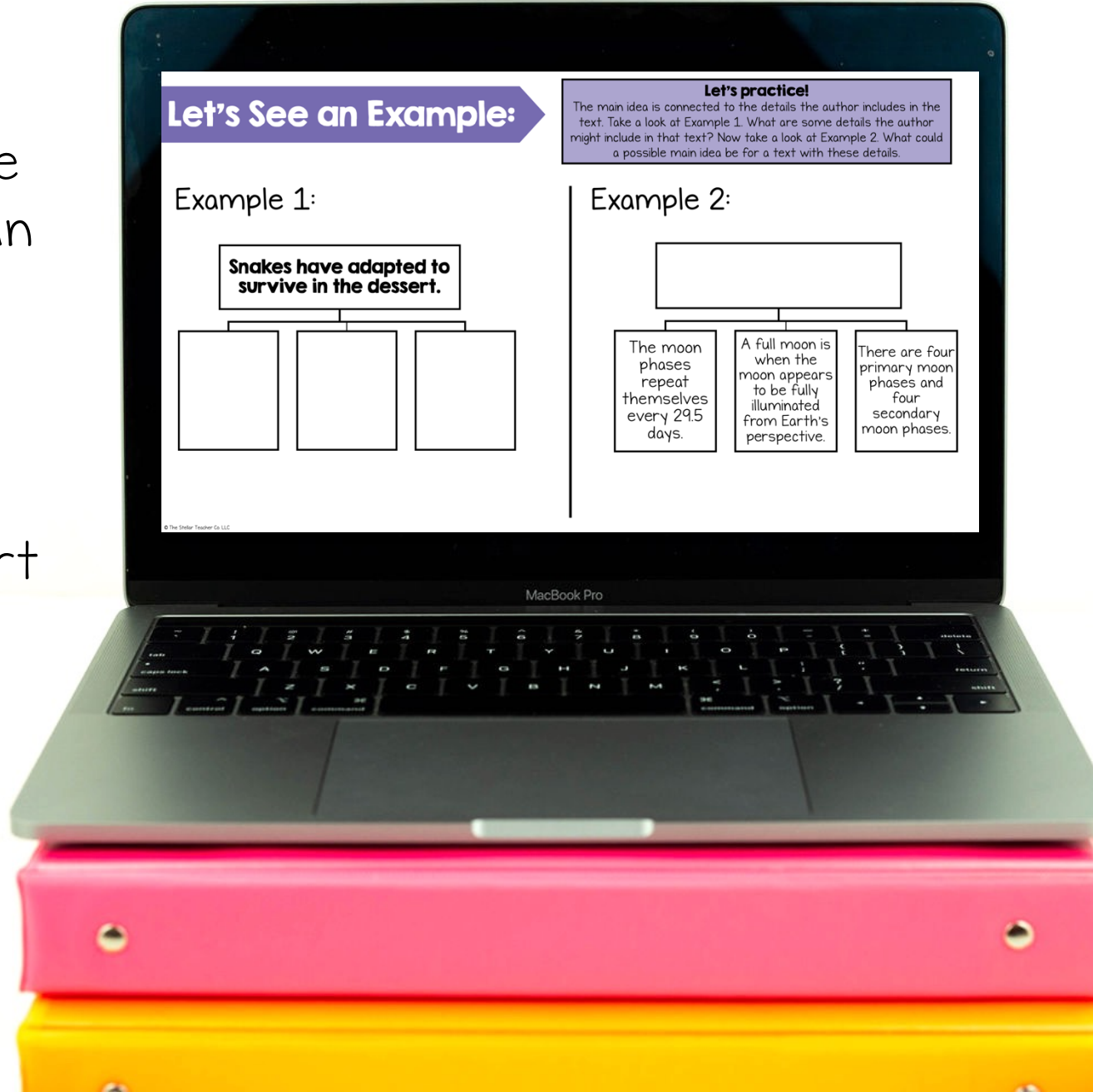


TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...

GOOGLE SLIDE SET: EXAMPLE SLIDE

Each lesson includes an example slide. The example slide is a great slide you can use to either model or practice with your students.

It will either include a short paragraph or a chart or some other example related to the objective of the lesson.



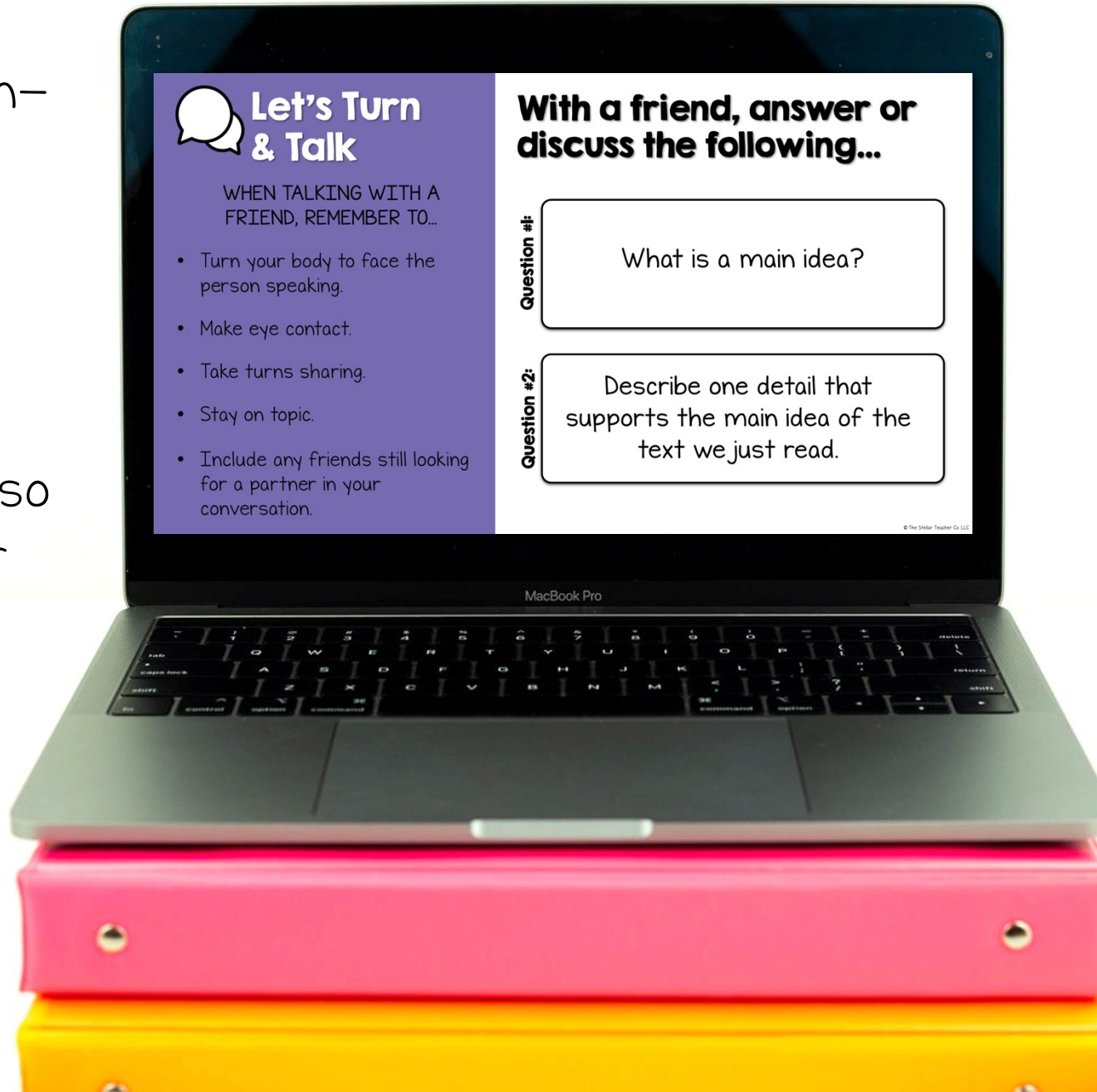


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GOOGLE SLIDE SET: TURN & TALK SLIDE

Each lesson includes a turn-and-talk slide with two questions you can use for whole group discussion at the end of your lesson.

The turn-and-talk slide also includes key reminders for how students should be engaging in discussion with their peers.



Let's Turn & Talk

WHEN TALKING WITH A FRIEND, REMEMBER TO...

- Turn your body to face the person speaking.
- Make eye contact.
- Take turns sharing.
- Stay on topic.
- Include any friends still looking for a partner in your conversation.

With a friend, answer or discuss the following...

Question #1:

What is a main idea?

Question #2:

Describe one detail that supports the main idea of the text we just read.

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TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...

GOOGLE SLIDE SET: CLOSING SLIDE

The final slides includes a reminder of what you taught and then blank space for you to customize the independent practice assignment for the day.

This is a great slide to leave up during your independent practice so students can be reminded of what you taught and also know what they should be working on.

When You're Reading On Your Own...

REMEMBER: You can look for the main idea in nonfiction texts. The main idea is what the text is mostly about. You can find details in the text that support the main idea.

Today's Independent Practice:

Main Idea of Nonfiction Texts

Main Idea
Texts often have a main idea. This is what the text is mostly about.
The main idea explains what the text is mostly about.

Why do whales make noise?

- To socialize with other whales.
- To navigate the ocean as they travel.
- To help find schools of fish to eat.

Main Idea Whales use noise to socialize, navigate the ocean, and find food.

Here's A Tip: You can collect 2 - 3 important text details to help you determine the main idea of a text.

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Do your students need help building their vocabulary?

context clues • prefixes & suffixes • root words

VOCAB ROUTINES BUNDLE

5 ROUTINES

Monday: Break It Down Monday: Make a Prediction

Affix #3 **de-**

Example: Amber felt **depressed** and **dejected** after she lost the spelling bee. She assumed she would win, but was the first contestant to get out.

Sample: Mr. Jones will **deduct** points on your test if you forget to put your name and date on the top.

homophones • figurative language

Do you need help planning and prepping your small group lessons?

107 scripted lesson sets to teach key reading skills

STRATEGY LESSONS YEAR - LONG Bundle

STRATEGY LESSON #3
STRATEGY: STORY ELEMENTS

Objective: Students will be able to identify the key story elements to help them summarize a story.

TARGET 1-2 min

TEACH 1-2 min

TACKLE 5-10 min

A Model Student

Story Elements

Readers can identify all the key story elements to help them summarize a story.

Characters: Calista, Ms. Luva

Setting:

Problem:

Solution:

Name:

Story Elements

Readers can identify all the key story elements to help them summarize a story.

C Characters

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S Solution

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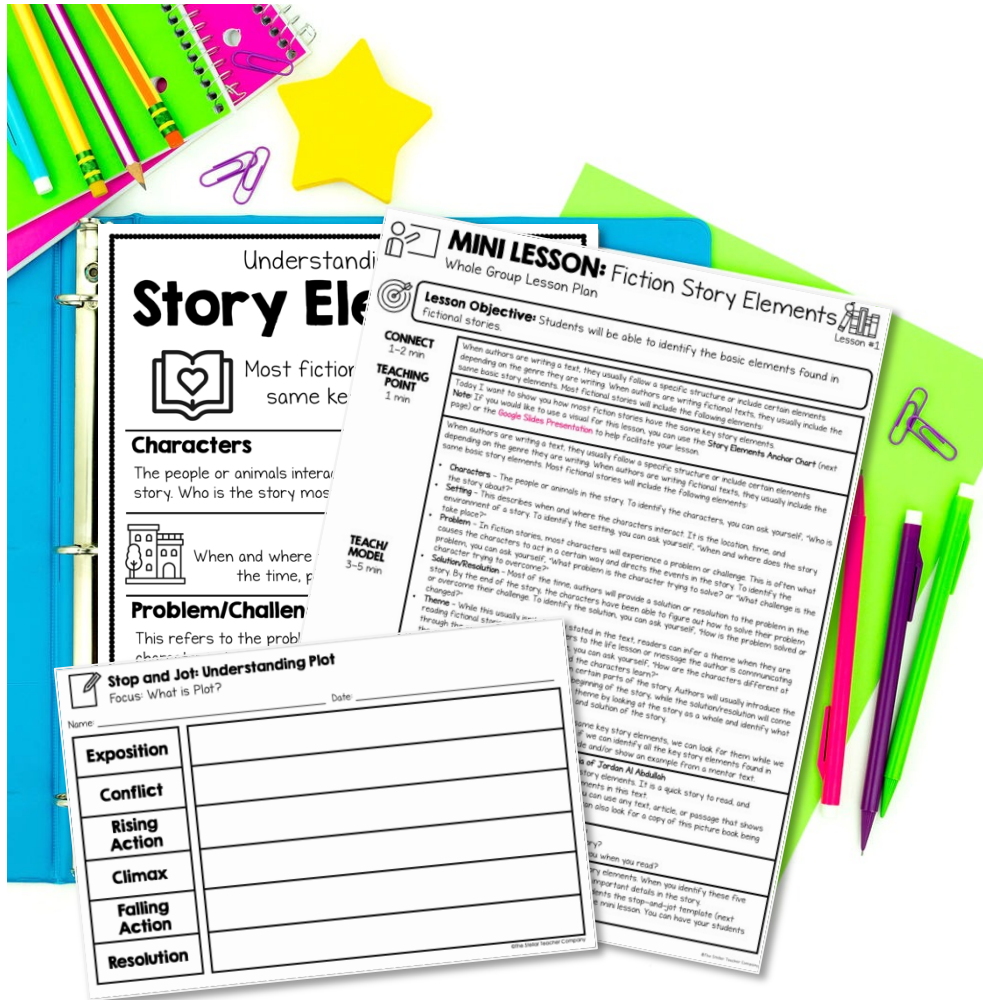
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CLICK THE BUTTON BELOW, AND I'LL EMAIL YOU A FREE SAMPLE!



I'd love to share a free lesson set to help you teach fictional story elements. Sign-up below and I'll e-mail you a free lesson plan, anchor chart, mini-graphic organizer, and slide set.

[CLICK HERE TO GRAB YOUR FREE SAMPLE!](#)

I hope you and your students enjoy them!

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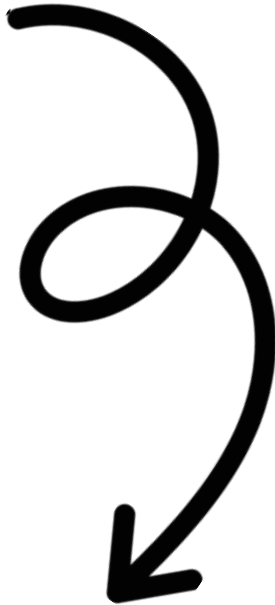
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