



MAIN IDEA NEWSPAPER CRAFT

Read it. Find it. Report it!

The Daily News  Special Edition

Today's Date: _____ Reporter: _____

☆☆ **THE MAIN IDEA!** ☆☆
The most important idea of the story or text!

The Main Idea Is:

THE TOP DETAILS
(Supporting Details)

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By: _____

EXTRA! EXTRA!



WHAT'S INCLUDED:



TEACHER DIRECTIONS



CRAFT TEMPLATE



EXAMPLE





TEACHER DIRECTIONS

MAIN IDEA NEWSPAPER CRAFT

Students become news reporters as they identify the main idea and report the most important supporting details from a story or informational text.



OBJECTIVE:

- Students will identify the main idea of a text.
- Students will choose key supporting details that explain the main idea.
- Students will summarize information in their own words.
- Students will present their thinking in a creative and engaging way.

MATERIALS:



- Main Idea Newspaper Template
- Sticky notes (3 for details + 1 for main idea)
- Pencil
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Scissors
- Glue
- Optional: News reporter cut-out or photo (for EXTRA section)

PREPARATION:



- Print the newspaper templates.
- Gather sticky notes and art supplies.
- Model the activity using a short text as an example.
- Prepare an anchor chart if desired with sentence stems for main idea and details.



BEFORE READING:

- Introduce the concept of main idea and supporting details.
- Explain that the main idea is what the text is mostly about.
- Review how supporting details give more information about the main idea.
- Show students the newspaper template and explain each part.



DURING READING:

- Read the story or informational text together or independently.
- Encourage students to think: "What is this mostly about?"
- Invite students to look for important details that support the main idea.
- Jot notes or mark key details as you read.

AFTER READING:



- 1 Have students write the main idea on a sticky note.
- 2 Have students write 3 supporting details on the other sticky notes.
- 3 Students place the main idea sticky note in the top box.
- 4 Students place the 3 detail sticky notes in the "Top Details" boxes.
- 5 Students illustrate the "EXTRA!" box and add their name.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:



- What is the main idea of the text?
- Why is this the main idea?
- Which details are most important? Why?
- How do the details support the main idea?
- Can you think of another detail that supports the main idea?



EXTENSION IDEAS:

- Write a headline for the newspaper.
- Add a photo or illustration to go with the story.
- Create a newspaper for different texts and compare main ideas.
- Invite students to share their newspapers with a partner or class.



TEACHER TIP:

Model thinking aloud when identifying the main idea and details. Use sentence stems and anchor charts to support students who need help. This activity is great for independent practice, small groups, or as a summative assessment!



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Reporter: Sarah Hopkins

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The
Main
Idea
Is:

Even though
Charlotte is small,
her kindness and words
make a big difference.



THE TOP DETAILS

(Supporting Details)

1

Wilbur is a little
pig who is small
and thinks he
will be sent
away.



2

Charlotte is a
spider who
becomes Wilbur's
friend and decides
to help him.



3

Charlotte
writes wonderful
words in her
web that save
Wilbur's life.



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