

Title: Main Idea: Nonfiction	Grade: 2nd Grade
Content: English Language Arts	Duration: 20-30 minutes

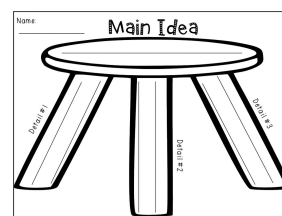
Standard:

- **RI.2.2:** Identify the main topic of a text.

Objective: The student will identify the main idea and supporting details of an informational text.

Resources Needed:

- Books/informational texts
- Examples:
 - National Geographic Kids- Weather
<https://bit.ly/2UgNQWW>
 - The Blue Whale
<https://bit.ly/33Oo8Mp>
 - Chickens Aren't the Only Ones
<https://bit.ly/2JhmGsl>
 - What to do When Something Wants to Eat You
<https://bit.ly/3aqzR6l>
- [Main Idea-Details Organizer](#)
- Paper, pencil



Introduction/Description: In this activity the child will practice comprehension skills. They will read or listen to an informational or nonfiction text to determine the main idea and supporting details. The picture of a stool is used to symbolize details supporting the main idea just like the legs of the stool support the person sitting on top.

Steps:

- Read the nonfiction book.
- If there are different sections or topics within the book, you may focus on only one section for this activity.
- Complete the organizer with complete sentences.
- Write the book title.
- Determine the main idea of the entire book or the section you are focusing on.
- Identify three supporting details that go with or explain the main idea.

Finished Product: The child will have a completed organizer to share with the teacher.

Adaptations:

- Make a main idea stool craft with paper, scissors and glue; write on the parts of the stool.
- Make a 3D stool with craft paper, scissors, and glue; write on the parts of the stool.
- Decrease the number of details required.
- Write a summary paragraph including:

- A main idea statement
- Three sentences stating details
- A sentence for closure restating the main idea in different words
- Apply this activity to other nonfiction texts of interest

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Main Idea

Detail #1

Detail #2

Detail #3

