

# CENTRAL IDEA

## task cards

### Answer Sheet

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**★ Central Idea & Details Challenge**

Write 1-3 relevant details for each message.

## Central Idea & Details



**14 Central Idea & Details**

Did you know that different species of snakes give birth different ways? Some snakes, like corn snakes and pythons, lay eggs. Many snakes abandon their eggs but some species build nests and care for the eggs. The eggs incubate over time and when the snakelets use a special tooth called an "egg tooth" to break out of the egg. Egg-laying snakes are called oviparous snakes. Green anacondas, garter snakes, and many other species of snakes, like...

**29 Central Idea & Details**

When Facebook launched in February of 2004, it was only available to students at Harvard University. Mark Zuckerberg and the other members of Facebook were students at Harvard, and the platform was a way for students to communicate. Facebook was popular and grew quickly. Facebook first expanded to other colleges in the Boston area, then opened up to other colleges. Facebook also expanded to businesses. In 2006, Facebook allowed anyone with a valid email address to create an account on the platform.

**What is the central idea?**

- Facebook is available to anyone with an email address.
- Facebook was founded by Mark Zuckerberg.
- Facebook was only available to Harvard students.
- Facebook was popular and grew quickly.

**1 Central Idea & Details**

Zebras live in the plains and savannas of eastern and southern Africa, where the climate swings between wet and dry seasons. Zebras can migrate up to 1800 miles for food and water. Although they travel vast distances for food, Zebras are not particular eaters. Their food consists of a wide variety of grasses and young trees, which vary by location and season. Zebras are constantly searching for water as well, which is vital to their survival.

**What is the central idea?**

- Zebras live in east and southern African plains and savannas.
- Zebras travel vast distances for food and water.
- The climate swings between wet and dry seasons.
- Water is important to the survival of zebras.



4th & 5th Grade



# Ways to Use Task Cards

1. **Centers**
2. **Scoot:** Pass out one card for each student. Set a timer and say, “scoot!” when the timer goes off. Students move seats to the next card. They continue to rotate until they are back at their original seat.
3. **Scavenger Hunt:** Hide cards around the room. Students search for cards and answer them.
4. **Jenga:** Number Jenga blocks. Students stack the blocks, then take turns pulling blocks. Students answer the corresponding number card.
5. **Whole class practice:** Teacher displays card on the projector. Students answer on mini white boards.
6. **Exit Tickets:** Give each student a task card at the end of the lesson. Have them answer on a sticky note.

**1**

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## Central Idea & Details



Chelsea Clinton is very intellectual. Chelsea is the daughter of Hillary Rodham Clinton and the former President Bill Clinton. She was born on February 27, 1980. Chelsea received four degrees from various postsecondary institutions. She went to college at Stanford University and received a bachelor's degree in history. She received her master's degree in international studies at University of Oxford, which is in England. She also received her second master's degree from University of Columbia in public health. Her last degree was a doctorate degree from University of Oxford.

**Which detail supports the central idea that Chelsea Clinton is intellectual?**

- She is the daughter of Hillary Clinton and Bill Clinton.
- Chelsea has received four degrees from various postsecondary institutions.
- She was born on February 27, 1980.
- She studied public health.

**3**

## Central Idea & Details



Stingrays can be found in many different habitats. There are around 220 species of stingrays. Stingrays are mostly found in shallow coastal waters throughout tropical and subtropical climates, but some stingrays live very differently. For instance, the deepwater stingray lives nearly a half mile under the waves of the open ocean. Eagle rays live in the open ocean, but closer to the surface. Other types of stingrays, like the whiptail stingray, live in freshwater rivers and flats. Stingrays are common in many different places.

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- Stingrays are mostly found in shallow coastal waters.
- The deepwater stingray lives nearly a half mile under the waves of the open ocean.
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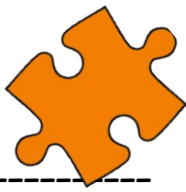


Erosion is the process of the earth's surface changing over time. Erosion occurs whenever surface material is moved from one place to another. Erosion can be caused by environmental forces, like water, wind, and ice. Animals can cause erosion when walking across a landscape. Plant roots resist erosion by holding soil in place. Herds of animals can kill the plants that prevent erosion. Human activity can also cause erosion through activities like farming, mining, and urban development. Erosion has many different causes.

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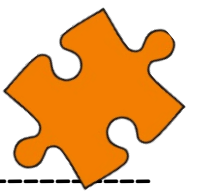
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