

CENTRAL IDEA & DETAILS

task cards



2nd & 3rd GRADE

8 Central Idea & Details

Looney Tunes is an animated cartoon series created by Warner Bros. It has been a beloved part of American culture since it started in 1930. The series features some of the most well-known characters. These include Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Elmer Fudd, and Porky Pig. Looney Tunes cartoons are known for their slapstick comedy. The cartoons have witty dialogue. Looney Tunes has entertained audiences of all ages for decades. The zany antics of these classic cartoon stars bring joy to people around the world!

What is the central idea of this text?

- Looney Tunes is a popular animated cartoon.
- Looney Tunes is known for their slapstick comedy and witty dialogue.
- It started in 1930.
- Looney Tunes is a well-loved cartoon that many people have enjoyed throughout the years.

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They have a coats with black spots. Dalmatians come from blue, brindle, and white. If you have a dog, then a Dalmatian may just be the right one. They are loyal, and energetic.

What is the central idea of this text?

- Dalmatians come in a variety of colors, mainly white with black spots.
- Dalmatians are one of the most beloved dog breeds.
- If you are looking for a loyal pet, a Dalmatian may be for you.
- Dalmatians are a uniquely spotted dog breed that make great pets.

generations. Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean in 1932. She was the first person to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean in California in 1935. However, tragedy struck on July 2, 1937. Earhart disappeared during her attempt to fly around the world. To this day, her disappearance remains one of the greatest unsolved mysteries. Some believe she was lost at sea, while others speculate that she died as a castaway on a remote island. No one knows for sure what happened to Amelia Earhart.

What is the central idea of this text?

- Amelia Earhart was an impactful aviator whose disappearance is still a mystery today.
- Amelia Earhart set records and did several solo flights.
- She was the first person to fly solo nonstop from Hawaii to California.
- Amelia Earhart disappeared during her attempt to fly around the world.

CENTRAL IDEA & Relevant Details

A diagram of a stool with a green seat and three green legs. The seat is labeled "Central Idea" and each leg is labeled "Key Detail".

1 Central Idea & Details

Gorillas are one of the most incredible animals in the world. Gorillas live in family groups. They are led by a silverback male. Females and their offspring make up the rest of the troop. Gorillas eat leaves, stems, bamboo shoots, fruit, and flowers. They spend a good portion of their day building nests out of sticks and leaves in the trees, which they sleep in. Gorillas are highly intelligent animals. They use tools, cooperate with each other, show empathy, and even learn sign language! They communicate using facial expressions, body gestures, and grunts. Gorillas are truly remarkable animals.

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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 whiteboards.
6. **Exit Tickets:** Give each student a task card at the end of the lesson. Have them answer on a sticky note.

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2 Central Idea & Details

A rainbow is one of nature's most beautiful sights! Rainbows appear when sunlight and moisture come together after a rainfall. When the sun's rays pass through the raindrops, they refract. This means they bend and split into different colors. The combination of all these colors creates a rainbow. You can also see a rainbow when light passes through a prism. You can see a rainbow when light reflects off some surfaces. Rainbows are scientific wonders of nature.

Which of the following relevant details could the author add to the paragraph?

- a. Rainbows are symbols for many cultures.
- b. You can never find the end of a rainbow.
- c. You are less likely to see a rainbow in winter than in other seasons.
- d. Rainbows can have red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet as their seven individual colors.

3 Central Idea & Details

The International Space Station (ISS) is remarkable. It is a place where astronauts from around the world come together. They conduct experiments, observe Earth, and work together to learn about space. Life on the ISS is truly unique. Astronauts live and work in zero gravity conditions. They eat special meals. Meals are designed to give nutrition in space. Astronauts communicate with the ground team via video calls. In addition, astronauts observe Earth from a new perspective. On the ISS, astronauts experience life in space.

Which of the following would be the best title for this paragraph?

- a. Learning About Earth
- b. How Astronauts Travel in Space
- c. A Peek Into Life on the International Space Station
- d. Communicating With Earth

4 Central Idea & Details

Egyptian pyramids are some of the oldest and most remarkable structures in the world. They were built by the ancient Egyptians over 4,500 years ago. Pyramids were tombs for Pharaohs. The ancient Egyptians believed that the Pharaohs were living gods. They wanted to give them a safe and honorable burial place. Egyptians began building pyramids in about 2700 BC. It took hundreds of years for them to master their skills. The largest pyramid is the Great Pyramid of Giza. This pyramid is 481 feet tall. The Egyptian pyramids show us how humans were able to build something so remarkable using simple tools.

What is the central idea of this text?

- a. The Egyptian pyramids were built 4,500 years ago.
- b. The Egyptian pyramids are remarkable examples of what humans could build long ago.
- c. It took hundreds of years for Egyptians to master building pyramids.
- d. The Great Pyramid of Giza is the largest pyramid.

Answer Sheet



Answer Sheet



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