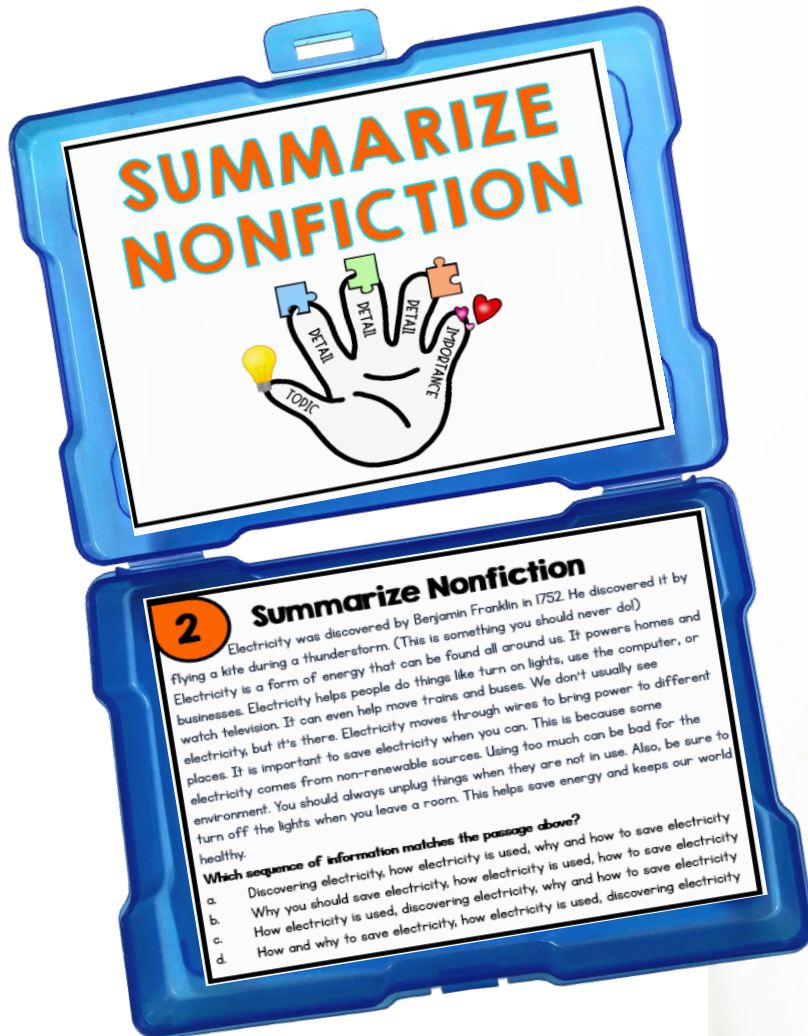


# SUMMARIZE NONFICTION

# task cards



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**10 Summarize Nonfiction**

The solar system is the home of 8 planets. All the planets orbit, or go around, the sun. The planets are Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. Each planet is different in size and what it is made of. They all also have their own interesting features that make them special. For example, Mercury is the closest to our sun. It's also very small and hot. Jupiter, on the other hand, is huge! Jupiter's diameter, or distance across, is 11 times greater than Earth's! It has many moons. Jupiter also has some amazing storms like the Great Red Spot. This is a huge storm system that has been raging for centuries. Exploring our solar system can be exciting.

Which statement gives the best summary of the text above?

- Some planets, like Mercury, are very small while others, like Jupiter, are large.
- Not all planets have the same number of moons.
- The 8 planets of the solar system are all different and interesting.
- The planets are Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.

**17 Summarize Nonfiction**

The *Harry Potter* book series was written by J.K. Rowling. It follows the adventures of Harry Potter. He is a young wizard. He must beat challenges to the bad Lord Voldemort. The books have been popular with people of all ages. They were first published in 1997. They have sold over 500 million copies around the world.

J.K. Rowling was born in England in 1965. She started writing the *Harry Potter* books while she was living in Edinburgh, Scotland. She wrote seven books in the series. They have since been made into movies as well as a play on stage!

The *Harry Potter* book series has many exciting characters and creatures. There are wizards, witches, goblins, giants, dragons, and much more! The books explore themes such as bravery, friendship, and finding courage within yourself to do what is right.

Which detail tells the reader the *Harry Potter* books are well-liked? Choose all that apply.

- He must beat challenges to win against the bad Lord Voldemort.
- They have sold over 500 million copies around the world.
- The *Harry Potter* book series has many exciting characters and creatures.
- They have since been made into movies as well as a play on stage!

**27 Summarize Nonfiction**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is a government agency. It is in charge of protecting the environment. They work to protect us from air and water pollution. They also protect us from hazardous waste that can hurt our health. The EPA also works with states, cities, and companies to create laws. The laws promote clean energy sources like solar and wind power. This helps reduce our carbon footprint. It also takes care of the environment. The EPA also works on cleaning places that are polluted from human activities. For example, they help clean rivers and lakes that have waste or pollution. They also watch air quality. They make sure it meets safety standards so we can breathe healthy air. The EPA is an important part of protecting our environment and keeping us safe!

What would be a good title for the above paragraph?

- How We Can Take Better Care of Earth
- How the EPA Keeps Earth Healthy and Safe
- How the EPA Was Started
- Why We Need to Protect Earth



# 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.

## 1 Summarize Nonfiction

The Grand Canyon National Park is in Arizona. It is about 277 miles long and 18 miles wide. The canyon is over a mile deep. It was made over millions of years. It was made by the Colorado River cutting through the land. Many animals live in the Grand Canyon, including mountain lions, deer, and bighorn sheep. Some of the plants that live in the canyon are cacti, juniper trees, and pinyon pine. It has been made a World Heritage Site by the United Nations. People from all over the world come to visit it every year. There are about 6 million people who visit the Grand Canyon every year. Visitors can hike, camp, or raft down the river. You can also take a mule ride to explore the canyon. It is a beautiful landmark to explore.

**Which sentence supports the idea that many people are interested in seeing the Grand Canyon?**

- a. The Grand Canyon National Park is in Arizona.
- b. Visitors can hike, camp, or raft down the river.
- c. There are about 6 million people who visit the Grand Canyon every year.
- d. It has been made a World Heritage Site by the United Nations.

## 2 Summarize Nonfiction

Electricity was discovered by Benjamin Franklin in 1752. He discovered it by flying a kite during a thunderstorm. (This is something you should never do!) Electricity is a form of energy that can be found all around us. It powers homes and businesses. Electricity helps people do things like turn on lights, use the computer, or watch television. It can even help move trains and buses. We don't usually see electricity, but it's there. Electricity moves through wires to bring power to different places. It is important to save electricity when you can. This is because some electricity comes from non-renewable sources. Using too much can be bad for the environment. You should always unplug things when they are not in use. Also, be sure to turn off the lights when you leave a room. This helps save energy and keeps our world healthy.

**Which sequence of information matches the passage above?**

- a. Discovering electricity, how electricity is used, why and how to save electricity
- b. Why you should save electricity, how electricity is used, how to save electricity
- c. How electricity is used, discovering electricity, why and how to save electricity
- d. How and why to save electricity, how electricity is used, discovering electricity

## 3 Summarize Nonfiction

Starting a garden is a rewarding and useful experience. Decide what type of plants you want to grow. Be sure the soil in your area is good for growing those plants. Also, make sure the garden is somewhere with enough sunlight and drainage. You'll need to prepare the soil by tilling. Tilling is breaking up the dirt with a shovel or hoe. This allows the soil to hold water and nutrients. Make sure there is water nearby for watering your plants. Lastly, you'll need seeds or small seedlings. Seedlings are young plants that have already sprouted from seeds. They can often be found at a garden shop or hardware store in the spring. Follow the instructions on the package to plant them. Then carefully water them and give them sunshine. With a little love and care, your garden will be blooming in no time!

**Why is tilling important?**

- a. It ensures there is enough drainage for the soil.
- b. It allows the soil to hold water and nutrients.
- c. It allows the plants to get more sunlight.
- d. It makes your plants a brighter color when they sprout.

## 4 Summarize Nonfiction

Oxford is a city in England. It is the oldest university town in the world. It was founded over 1,000 years ago. Oxford is known for its famous colleges like Magdalen College, Christ Church, and All Souls College. Many well-known authors, actors, and actresses have studied in Oxford. Stephen Hawking, a world-known physicist, was from Oxford, as well. The city also has many buildings, parks, theatres, and museums to explore. One of the most famous places in Oxford is the Radcliffe Camera. It was built in 1737. The Radcliffe Camera is a working library building. A famous park in Oxford is the University Parks. It has over 300 acres of land and has a lake, flower gardens, and meadows. Oxford is a beautiful city with lots of history.

**How did the author organize the text?**

- a. Cause/Effect
- b. Sequence
- c. Compare/Contrast
- d. Description

# Answer Sheet

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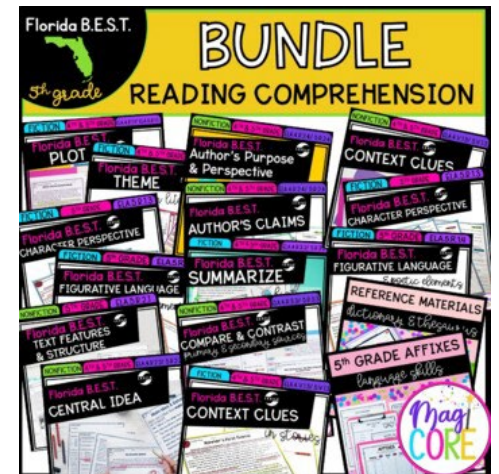
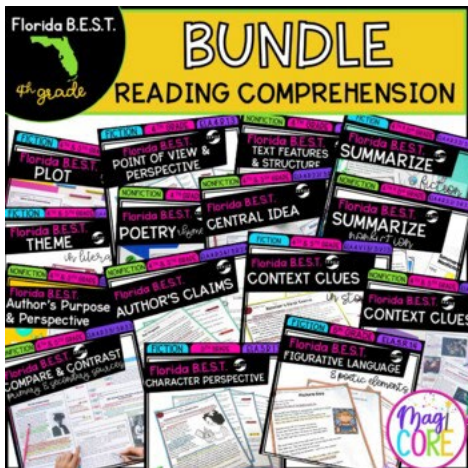


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