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Analyzing Central Ideas



Objective

In this lesson, you will:

- analyze how central ideas are developed through details
- acquire and use new vocabulary words
- write a response using textual evidence and commentary

Examining Central Ideas

STRATEGIES FOR IDENTIFYING CENTRAL IDEAS

when you readtexts, it's impo	ortant to be able to identify the author's
, or main points .	
These ideas drive the author's ar	nd are often not stated in the text.
Review these strategies for identifying	in complex informational texts:
 Look for words or Notice the text and specific 	
These are examples of	_you might find in an informational text:
• order	• compare and
description	• and solution
	• cause and

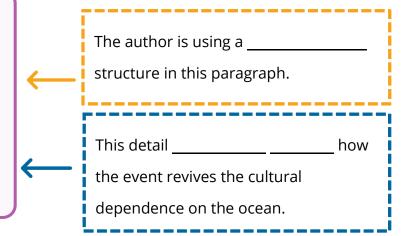


READING TO CLARIFY UNFAMILIAR VOCABULARY

The first time you read a new text, it's helpful to	any new or unfamiliar words.
Doing so may better help you understand the	of the text. Use these
strategies:	
any words that are new or unfamiliar.	
Use a or the internet to a	ny unfamiliar words.
ANALYZING HOW CENTRAL IDEAS ARE DEVE	LOPED
Once you've identified the in	a text, analyze how that idea
emerges from specific in the text. Also n	otice how the author
, or organizes, these details.	
Authors purposefully include specific details to shape ar	nd their message in a
text. Here are some you might see:	
 examples 	
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• statistics	

Notice how the underlined details in "Tribal Journeys" shape and refine the idea that the Tribal Journeys event is a way to revive culture for Native Americans and First Nations.

Tribal Journeys is an event among many in a cultural resurgence among Northwest Coast Native Americans and First Nations. It is a <u>reaffirmation</u> of lifeways practiced for millennia, a <u>reawakening of Canoe Culture</u>. For its participants, their villages and hosts, it is a celebration of <u>dependence on the ocean</u>.



WRITING ABOUT CENTRAL IDEAS

When you explain your thinking about an author's _____ in writing, it's important to use a **formal** style. You'll also want to _____ your ideas clearly for your readers.

Use these _____ for a formal style in your writing:

- Stay ______.
- Use full ______.
- Use _____ person point of view.

As you draft your written response, follow these steps:

- 1. **Make a** _____ about a _____ in the text.
- 2. **Identify textual** that the central idea.
- 3. **Include commentary** that _____ how that evidence develops the central idea.



commentary: _____ or explanation of evidence to _____ an idea