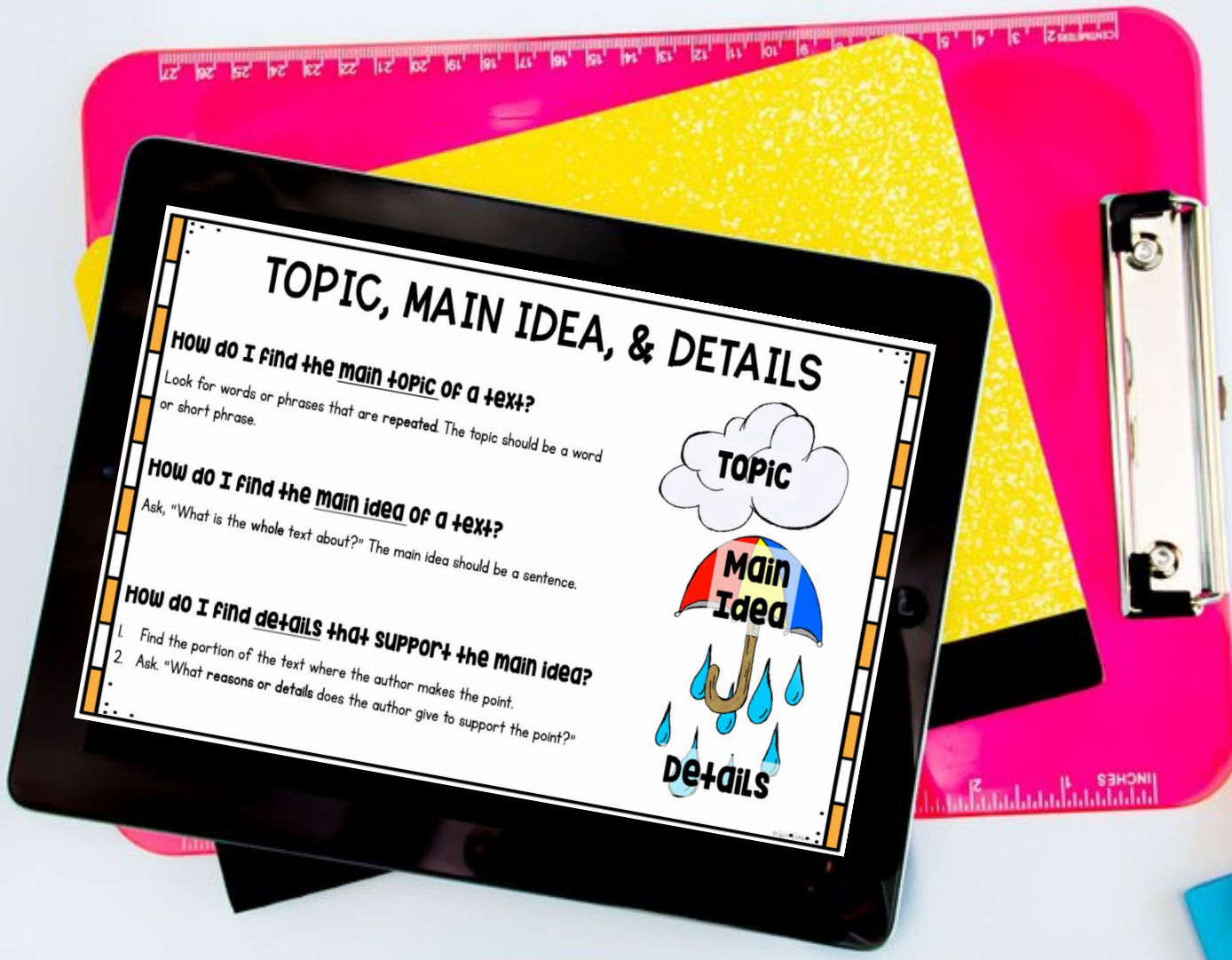


4th & 5th Grade

Summary & Main Idea in Nonfiction

DIGITAL Mini lessons

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TOPIC, MAIN IDEA, & DETAILS
How do I find the main topic of a text?
Look for words or phrases that are repeated. The topic should be a word or short phrase.
How do I find the main idea of a text?
Ask, "What is the whole text about?" The main idea should be a sentence.
How do I find details that support the main idea?
1. Find the portion of the text where the author makes the point.
2. Ask. "What reasons or details does the author give to support the point?"
TOPIC
Main Idea
DETAILS

Let's Read!

Read the page from the book "Lightning". Determine the main idea and details from this paragraph.

Lightning is one of the leading weather-related causes of death and injury. Most people do not realize that they can be struck by lightning even when the center of a thunderstorm is 10 miles away. Talking on the telephone is the leading cause of lightning injuries inside the home. If you are stuck outside, standing under a tall tree is one of the most dangerous places to take shelter.



What is the main idea?

Highlight three supporting details.

Let's Try!

Listen to the text a few times to check your responses!

Use the main idea and supporting details to help you summarize the book "Planets" by Gail Gibbons.

The book "Planets" by Gail Gibbons, is about (type main idea here)

(supporting details)


SUMMARIZE with MAIN IDEA, & DETAILS
Write a paragraph about and animal of your choice.
Highlight the topic pink.
Highlight the main idea yellow.
Highlight three supporting details green.