

Nonfiction Readers Look for Ideas

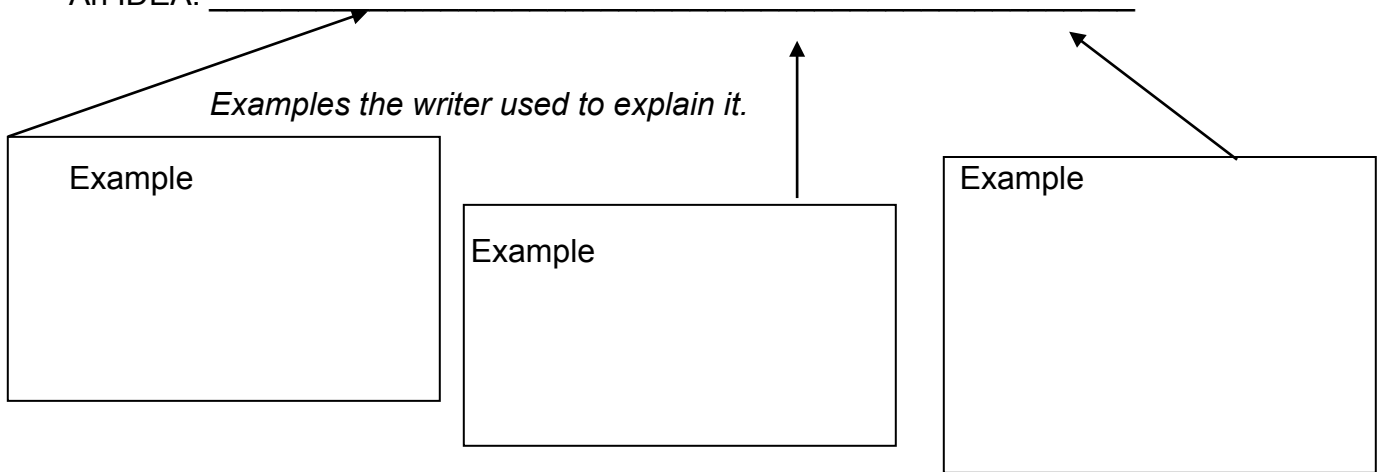
An idea is a way of thinking about something. For example, Chicago is the name of a city. **But that is just a topic. It's not an idea.** Here is an idea about Chicago: **Chicago is a big busy city.**

You can figure out the main idea two ways. You can start with what you think is the main idea and look for information and examples that support it. Or you can start with information and use that to infer the main idea they support.

Read a nonfiction passage and tell what an important idea is that you learn.
 CCSSR2—Figure out ideas, support with examples (CCSSR1-evidence)

TOPIC: _____

An IDEA: _____



Structure of the text

How did the writer organize the text?

sequence or time order compare and contrast description cause-effect

Author's Viewpoint/Tone

How does the writer feel about the topic? _____

Why do you think that?

What are some examples or words that show how the writer feels about the topic?
