

Critical Concepts 6.2A

Non Fiction Formative Assessments

Quick Quiz: Determining Central Idea & Supporting Details

Format: 5 questions, mix of multiple-choice and short response, 8–10 min max.

Formative Quiz: RI.6.2 – Main Idea and Summarizing

Name: _____

Date: _____

Directions: Answer the following questions based on your understanding of central ideas and summarizing informational texts.

Part 1: Vocabulary (Match the term to its correct definition)

Match each word to its correct meaning. Write the correct letter on the line.

1. ____ Central Idea	A. A short explanation of the most important ideas in a text, without personal thoughts
2. ____ Summary	B. A statement that shows someone's feelings or beliefs and cannot be proven
3. ____ Opinion	C. The most important point the author is trying to make
4. ____ Convey	D. To communicate or make known
5. ____ Judgment	E. A decision or conclusion formed after consideration or thought

Part 2: Short Reading Passage

Read the paragraph and answer the questions below:

"Many schools have started using outdoor classrooms to improve student learning. Teachers say students are more focused and engaged when lessons take place outside. Some schools even report higher test scores since making the switch. Experts believe that learning in nature reduces stress and helps with memory."

6. What is the topic of this paragraph?
- A. Why teachers are tired
 - B. Outdoor learning and its effects
 - C. Test scores in science
 - D. Stress levels in students

7. What is the central idea of the paragraph?

- A. Teachers want to move classrooms outside permanently.
- B. Outdoor learning helps students focus, reduces stress, and may improve performance.
- C. Students like going outside for recess.
- D. Nature is more important than technology.

8. Which of the following is a supporting detail?

- A. Teachers like fresh air.
- B. Experts enjoy spending time in nature.
- C. Outdoor learning reduces stress and improves memory.
- D. Indoor classrooms are boring.

9. Which sentence is the best objective summary of the paragraph?

- A. Outdoor learning is the best way to teach and all schools should do it.
- B. Outdoor classrooms are a cool idea, and students probably have more fun.
- C. The paragraph explains that outdoor learning may help students stay focused, reduce stress, and improve test scores.
- D. I think every school should build an outdoor classroom.

10. Writing Prompt (2–3 sentences):

Write a short summary of what you just read that includes the **central idea** and at least **one supporting detail**. Make sure your response does **not** include personal opinions.

Exit Ticket Option 1: Vocabulary + Central Idea Quick Check

Name: _____

Date: _____

1. What is the **central idea** of the text you read today?

2. List **two details** that support this central idea:

- _____
- _____

3. Circle the word that best describes what a **summary** should leave out:

Opinion Fact Detail Topic

Exit Ticket Option 2: One-Minute Summary

Name: _____

Date: _____

Prompt: In 2–3 sentences, write a **summary** of the text you read today. Your summary should include the **central idea** and one or two supporting details. Do **not** include your opinion.

Exit Ticket Option 3: Fill-in-the-Blank Frame

Name: _____

Date: _____

Complete the summary using the frame below:

In the article titled “_____,” the author explains that

_____.

The author supports this idea by explaining that _____ and

_____.

Exit Ticket Option 4: Vocabulary Application

Name: _____

Date: _____

Choose **two vocabulary words** from the list and use each in a sentence related to the text you read today:
(central idea, summary, convey, topic, opinion, judgment)

- Word 1: _____
Sentence: _____
- Word 2: _____
Sentence: _____