

Key Ideas and Details in Informational Text

One of the easiest ways to draw a person is by drawing a stick figure. These show you just enough information to help you see what the person is doing. Stick figures are a little like **main ideas**: They provide the most important information but very few details. In the drawing on this page, the dark stick figure shows the main idea: A person is cooking something over a fire. But the rest of the drawing, in lighter print, shows all the **details** that support the main idea. It provides the viewer with details about the camper and her activity. These details, like the details in informational text, support the main idea of the illustration.

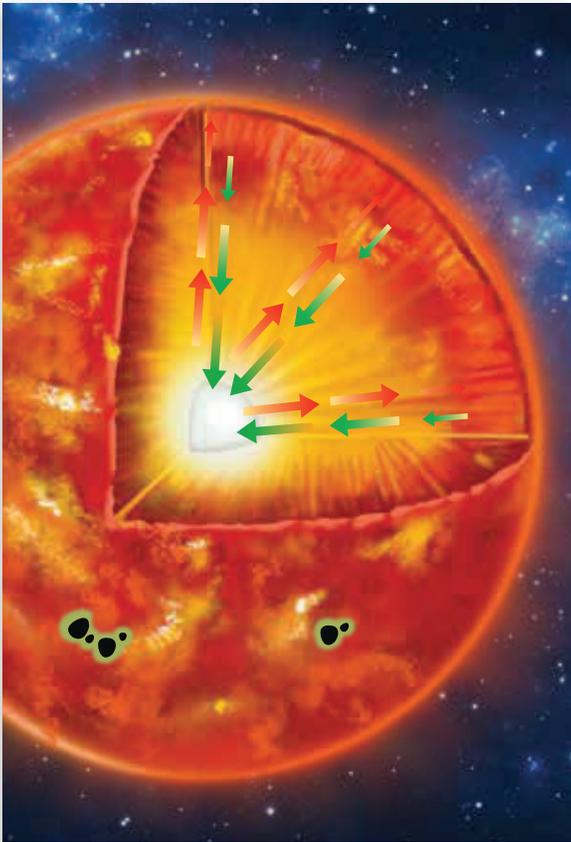


In this unit, you'll learn how to use key ideas to determine the main idea of an informational text. You'll also use key ideas to summarize texts, to make inferences, and to make connections between people, events, and ideas.

✓ Self Check

Before starting this unit, check off the skills you know below. As you complete each lesson, see how many more skills you can check off!

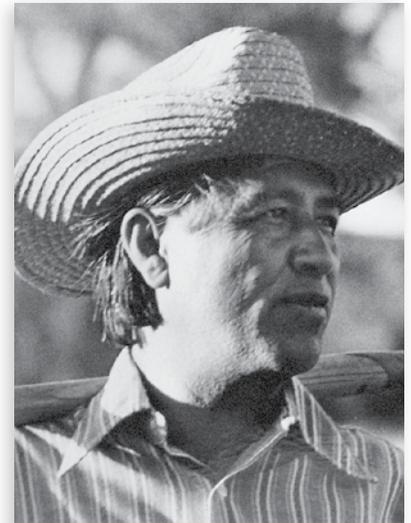
I can:	Before this unit	After this unit
determine two or more main ideas of informational texts and explain how key details support the main ideas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
summarize an informational text.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
refer to details and examples when explaining and inferring what a text says.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
explain relationships between individuals, events, and ideas in informational texts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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