

Cornell Motes

Main Topic Identification

Today's Standard

K.RI.2 - With prompting and support, identify the main topic and retell key details of a text.

Cues	Notes
What is the main topic?	The main topic is what the text is mostly about.
How do you identify key details?	Key details support and explain the main topic.
What is the difference between the main topic and the title?	The title is the name of the book, but the main topic is what the book is about.
Why is identifying the main topic important?	Identifying the main topic helps with understanding and remembering the text.
What are common misconceptions?	Students may confuse the main topic with minor details or think the main topic is the same as the title.

Summary

Understanding the main topic and key details helps students comprehend and remember texts. Common misconceptions include confusing the main topic with details or the title.