

### Sample Activity List: 4th Grade

Type	Activity	Time
<b>Finding the Main Idea and Key Details</b>		
<b>Choose 1 to complete</b>	<i>Main Topic vs. Main Idea Learning Center</i> — Learn the difference between the main topic of a text and the main idea of a text in this hands-on center with a focus on life cycles.	<b>15 min</b>
	<i>Main Topic vs. Main Idea Screencast</i> — Watch this video to learn the difference between the main topic of a text and the main idea of a text with a focus on life cycles. Complete the guided notes as you watch.	<b>15 min</b>
<b>Required</b>	<i>Discovering Key Details</i> — Watch this video lesson to learn what key details are and how to find them in a text. Write the main idea and supporting details in your <i>Efficacy Notebook</i> . Complete the guided notes as you watch.	<b>15 min</b>
<b>Choose 1 to complete</b>	<i>Main Idea Detective</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read “The Life Cycle of Butterflies.”</li> <li>2. Review the steps in this Finding the Main Idea &amp; Key Details <i>how-to sheet</i>.</li> <li>3. Follow the steps to find the main idea and key details of “The Life Cycle of Butterflies” text.</li> <li>4. Record the main idea and supporting details in your <i>Efficacy Notebook</i>.</li> <li>5. Share your <i>Efficacy Notebook</i> with your teacher.</li> </ol>	<b>20 min</b>
	<i>Main Idea Team Quest</i> — Work together in pairs or small groups to find the main idea of a text and share it with the class. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read “Life Cycle of a Butterfly.”</li> <li>2. Use highlighters or colored pencils to mark important sentences or phrases that seem important to the story.</li> <li>3. Discuss with your partner/group what the text is mostly about, and together, come up with and agree on one sentence that sums up the text.</li> <li>4. Write the main idea at the top of a large sheet of paper and list the key details underneath that support it.</li> <li>5. Write the main idea and supporting details in your <i>Efficacy Notebook</i>.</li> <li>6. Present your Main Idea Chart to the class.</li> </ol>	<b>20 min</b>
<b>Required</b>	<i>Main Idea &amp; Key Details Exit Ticket</i> — Complete this Main Idea & Key Details Exit ticket to see how much you understand a short text's main idea and key details.	<b>15 min</b>

Choose 1 to complete (after receiving feedback for the Main Idea & Key Detail Exit Ticket)	<p><i>Key Details Learning Center</i> — Using a text on life cycles of your group's/partner's choosing, match the key details with the corresponding main ideas. Learn to eliminate the unimportant details.</p> <p>After participating in this learning center, write at least one paragraph, in your <i>Efficacy Notebook</i>, explaining how finding the key details helped you understand the text you selected better.</p>	20 min
	<p><i>Key Details Treasure Map</i> — Create a treasure map to find the most important details in a story that led to the main idea.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read the story carefully and consider what it's mostly about and which details are the most important.</li> <li>2. Review the steps in this Finding the Main Idea &amp; Key Details <i>how-to sheet</i>.</li> <li>3. Write one sentence that tells you what the whole story is about (the main idea) on a blank sheet of paper.</li> <li>4. Highlight or underline the key details in the text that help you understand the main idea.</li> <li>5. Create a map that leads to the "treasure" (the main idea you wrote on the blank sheet of paper). Add the key details along the path to the treasure.</li> <li>6. In your <i>Efficacy Notebook</i>, write at least one paragraph explaining how finding the key details helped you understand the story better.</li> </ol>	20 min
Waystation Design		
Optional	<p><i>Measurement How-to Sheets</i> — Refer to "How to Use a Meter/Yard Stick" and/or the "How to Obtain Accurate Measurements" <i>how-to sheet(s)</i> before or during the learning activities below. Record any new information you learn in your <i>Efficacy Notebook</i>.</p>	15 min
Choose 1 to complete	<p><i>Calculate Perimeter Learning Center</i> — Work with a small group or partner to learn how to measure and calculate perimeter in this hands-on activity.</p>	15 min
	<p><i>Calculate Perimeter Screencast</i> — Watch this video demonstration to learn how to measure and calculate perimeter. Complete the guided notes as you watch.</p>	15 min
Required	<p><i>Determine Perimeter</i> — Follow the steps below to practice calculating the perimeter.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work independently or with your <i>home group</i> to measure the sides of your Waystation plot.</li> <li>2. Draw the plot and label the measurements.</li> </ol>	20 min

	3. Calculate and record the perimeter of your plot in your <i>Efficacy Notebook</i> .	
<b>Choose 1 to complete</b>	<i>Calculate Area Learning Center</i> — In this hands-on activity, work with a small group or partner to learn how to measure and calculate area.	<b>15 min</b>
	<i>Calculate Area Screencast</i> — Watch this demonstration to learn how to measure and calculate area. Complete the guided notes as you watch.	<b>15 min</b>
<b>Required</b>	<p><i>Determine Area</i> — Follow the steps below to practice calculating the area.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work independently or with your <i>home group</i> to use the perimeter measurements to calculate the area of your plot.</li> <li>2. Record the area of your Waystation plot in your <i>Efficacy Notebook</i>.</li> </ol>	<b>25 min</b>