

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____

Identifying the Central Idea(s) in Informational Texts



Directions: Ask the student to read the selection silently, select details from the text, and use these details to find central ideas.

Texts used: _____

The student can answer these questions/prompts:

- _____ What is a central idea?
- _____ Can you identify a central idea in this selection? Cite text evidence that enables you to show why it is a central idea.
- _____ Can a selection have more than one central idea? If so, cite a second central idea and explain how you used text evidence to determine this idea.
- _____ How do you think exploring and figuring out central ideas improve comprehension? Think about your process (what you do to answer).

Observations and Notes:

Check One: _____ Work with peer. _____ Work with teacher. _____ Can work independently.

Follow-up Conference on _____