

Book Club Focus Assessment and Rubric

Name: _____

Remember Valley Forge: Patriots, Tories, and Redcoats Tell Their Stories
Book Club Focus Assessment

Identifying Main Idea and Supporting Details

Directions: Use what you know about **Remember Valley Forge** to answer each of the following questions.

Which of these BEST describes the main idea of Chapter 1: "The Road to Valley Forge"?

A Valley Forge is a place the American army traveled to attack the British.

B The American army was not doing well and needed a place to rest for the winter.

C The Americans surrendered to the British at Valley Forge.

List at least two supporting details from *Remember Valley Forge* to support your main idea choice from question 1.

Which of these BEST describes the main idea of Chapter 4: "The Making of an Army"?

A During their time at Valley Forge, the Continental Army got much needed rest and military training.

B During their time at Valley Forge, the Continental Army played games such as chess during their off duty time.

C During their time at Valley Forge, some soldiers in the Continental Army learned to play drums.

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Focus Assessment for Identifying Main Idea and Supporting Details



Answer Key

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List at least two important details from *Remember Valley Forge* to support your main idea choice from question 3.

Answers may vary. Sample answers include:

- 1) The soldiers were trained to march together.
- 2) The soldiers were trained to load and fire muskets quickly.

Which of these BEST describes the main idea of the entire book?

A General Howe was the military commander of the British military forces.

B Valley Forge did not play an important part in the American victory over the British.

C General Washington led his Continental Army of ragged, untrained soldiers to victory over the British after spending time at Valley Forge to rest and train.

List at least two important details from *Remember Valley Forge* to support your main idea choice from question 5.

Answers may vary. Sample answers include:

- 1) Before Valley Forge, the soldiers did not know how to march or fight efficiently.
- 2) The military went through intense training during their time at Valley Forge.

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Student: _____ Date: _____

CCSS Reading Informational Text Standard RI.5.2
Determine two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details; summarize the text.

Levels	Beginning	Developing	Proficient	Secure
Correct Answers	0 – 1 Correct	2 – 3 Correct	4 – 5 Correct	6 Correct
Specific Skill: Identifying Main Idea and Supporting Details	Was not able or is beginning to identify the main idea and supporting details of a text.	Is able to identify the main idea and supporting details of a text some of the time.	Is able to identify the main idea and supporting details of a text most of the time.	Is able to identify the main idea and supporting details of a text all of the time.

If student is less than secure, he or she needs to work on the following:

- Determine the main idea of a chapter.
- Identifying supporting details from the text.
- Identify how the features of nonfiction text support the main idea.
- Write a chapter summary using the main idea and supporting details.

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Rubric with Optional Common Core Alignment

