

Instructional Overview

Remember Valley Forge: Patriots, Tories, and Redcoats Tell Their Stories
By: Thomas B. Allen
Grade Level: 5 / Guided Reading Level: T

Book Club

Instructional Focus:
Identifying Main Idea and Supporting Details

Background:
Identifying the main idea and supporting details in a text is an important skill for students to master as they learn to become critical thinkers. In order to identify the main idea of a text readers must think about the details in a story and determine which big ideas they support. In this book club readers will learn to identify the main ideas and support details within nonfiction.

Remember Valley Forge: Patriots, Tories, and Redcoats Tell Their Stories by Thomas B. Allen is an ideal text to use with readers who are learning to identify main ideas and supporting details because the author includes various features of nonfiction text that aid readers in determining the key ideas in the text.

Instructional Overview:

Meeting #1
Set Expectations and Introduce Identifying Main Idea and Supporting Details

Meeting #2
Using Features of Nonfiction Text to Identify Main Idea and Supporting Details

Meeting #3
Summarizing the Text Using Main Idea and Supporting Details

Meeting #4
Reflecting on Main Idea and Supporting Details

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Description of the Instructional Focus



List of Materials and Preparation



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- Determine which students will participate in the **Remember Valley Forge: Patriots, Tories, and Redcoats Tell Their Stories** Book Club (4-6 students)
- Gather copies of **Remember Valley Forge: Patriots, Tories, and Redcoats Tell Their Stories** by Thomas B. Allen (1 per student)
- Prepare copies of the Book Club Calendar (1 per student)
- Prepare copies of the Expectations for Book Club (1 per student)
- Prepare copies of the Book Club Reading Response Board (1 per student)
- Prepare Reader's Notebooks (1 per student)
 - These may be spiral notebooks or several sheets of lined paper stapled together, or bound in a folder.
- Prepare copies of Main Idea and Supporting Details graphic organizer
- Prepare copies of Supporting the Main Idea with Features of Nonfiction Text graphic organizer (1 per student)
- Prepare copies of Summarizing Using Main Idea and Supporting Details practice page (1 per student)
- Prepare copies Valley Forge Brochure Template (1 per student)
- Chart paper
- Markers
- Optional: Prepare Vocabulary Resources (1 set per student)
- Optional: Prepare Student Self-Evaluation Forms (1 per student per meeting)
- Optional: Prepare Assessment Resources (1 set per student)

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