

**Expository Thinking Guide**  
Content-Based Topic

**Title of the Selection**    Maya Lin, Architect of Memory

Genre: Nonfiction – Informational Text

Topic of Selection	Maya Lin, Architect
Central Idea (Main Idea of Selection)	Maya Lin is an architect that designs memorial exhibits with a message that honors memories and people from history.
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	<b>Remembering Vietnam Veterans</b>
	3. How people reacted to Lin's winning design for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
	4. The design helped the process of healing and made it possible for the country to come together and honor those who had served.
	<b>A Different Way of Looking</b>
	5. How Lin views herself and her designs
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	7. Other projects Lin has designed in her career
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	<b>Inspiration from a Great Leader</b>
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## Summary

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### Cloze Summary Activity:

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Cut Apart Main Ideas and Match the main ideas to the correct paragraphs:

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## Main Ideas by paragraph to make the cut-apart activity



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