

Thinking Guide Activities – Expository

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

Genre: Nonfiction – Informational

The Expository Thinking Guide are provided. The Expository Thinking Guide identifies the topic, central idea of the selection, and the main idea of each paragraph. In addition, the main ideas are clustered by color code to develop a meaningful summary.

- ★ Expository Thinking Guide
- ★ Color-Coded Expository Thinking Guide and Summary

The Expository Thinking Guide is used to develop other fun and interactive activities. Fisher Reyna Education offers the following activities and test items:

- ★ Outline Scramble
- ★ Pre-Reading Activity
- ★ Matching Main Idea Activities
- ★ Thinking Guide Cloze 1st Letter Activity
- ★ Thinking Guide Cloze Blank Activity
- ★ Thinking Guide Write Main Ideas Activity
- ★ Vocabulary Activity



Expository Thinking Guide

Content-Based Topic

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

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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.
Main Idea of Each Paragraph	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introduction to Maya Lin as a designer with a message2. Lin's message can be found in her exhibits like the Civil Rights Memorial.
Remembering Vietnam Veterans	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">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.	
A Different Way of Looking	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. How Lin views herself and her designs6. Lin's skills in math helped with architecture and solving problems.7. Other projects Lin had designed in her career8. Lin's work shows a thoughtful approach to building design.	
Inspiration from a Great Leader	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">9. Lin's was inspired by a line from a speech given by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for the Civil Rights Memorial.10. Lin used King's quote as the theme for her design.	
Conclusion Paragraph	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">11. Memories are important to Lin's designs because she feels you can learn from them.	

Color-Coded Thinking Guide and Summary

Clustering and Summary



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Conclusion Paragraph

11. Memories are important to Lin's designs because she feels you can learn from them.

Maya Lin is an architect that designs memorial exhibits with a message that honors memories and people from history. Lin's winning design for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial helped the process of healing and made it possible for the country to come together and honor those who had served. As an architect and artist, she has designed many projects in her career that show a thoughtful approach to design. For example, she used a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as the theme for the Civil Rights Memorial. Lin feels memories are important because people can learn from them.

Outline Scramble

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Directions

Main ideas are arranged in alphabetical order. Article is read and students write the paragraph number by the correct main idea. This may be –

1. teacher guided with individual student recording correct paragraph number.
2. teacher guided with main ideas projected with teacher marking the correct response from the group.
3. partners working together as they take turns reading and recording correct paragraph number.

Paragraph Number	Paragraph Main Ideas
	Lin's was inspired by a line from a speech given by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for the Civil Rights Memorial.
	How Lin views herself and her designs
	Remembering Vietnam Veterans
	Memories are important to Lin's designs because she feels you can learn from them.
	Introduction to Maya Lin as a designer with a message
	Lin's work shows a thoughtful approach to building design.
	Conclusion Paragraph
	Lin's skills in math helped with architecture and solving problems.
	Other projects Lin had designed in her career
	A Different Way of Looking
	Lin used King's quote as the theme for her design.
	The design helped the process of healing and made it possible for the country to come together and honor those who had served.
	Inspiration from a Great Leader

	How people reacted to Lin's winning design for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.
	Lin's message can be found in her exhibits like the Civil Rights Memorial.

Pre-Reading Activity



Directions and Activity Variations

Students may work individually or with a partner. Teacher shows the titles, subtitles, photos with captions, etc. as a pre-reading activity. Students take notes and list all clues as a pre-reading activity. Teachers and students may discuss. Then have student(s) write the prediction for the topic and central idea of the expository selection.

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Photos or Illustrations- list and explain the message of the pictures:

Photos with captions:

Subtitles in Bold Print:

Other text features:

Other Media:

Combine all the clue and make a prediction. What is the topic? What is the central idea, or what specifically will you be learning about the topic? Write your prediction. Then, read only the introductory paragraphs or pages and verify your prediction.

Matching Main Idea Activities



Directions and Activity Variations

Students may work individually or with a partner.



1. Cut apart the main ideas and give one main idea to individual student or partners. Teacher reads the selection one paragraph at a time. Students identify when they have the matching main idea.
2. Provide the selection and cut-apart main ideas. Students read the selection and match cut-apart main ideas to paragraphs in the selection.
3. Provide cut-apart selection and cut-apart main ideas. Students match cut-apart paragraphs to the cut-apart main ideas.

- | **Lin's was inspired by a line from a speech given by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for the Civil Rights Memorial.**
- | **How Lin views herself and her designs**
- | **Remembering Vietnam Veterans**
- | **Memories are important to Lin's designs because you can learn from them.**
- | **Introduction to Maya Lin as a designer with a message**
- | **Lin's work shows a thoughtful approach to building design.**
- | **Conclusion Paragraph**
- | **Lin's skills in math helped with architecture and solving problems.**
- | **Other projects Lin had designed in her career**
- | **A Different Way of Looking**
- | **Lin used King's quote as theme for the design.**

The design helped the process of healing and made it possible for the country to come together and honor those who had served.

Inspiration from a Great Leader

How people reacted to Lin's winning design for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Lin's message can be found in her exhibits like the Civil Rights Memorial.

Expository Thinking Guide

Cloze – 1st Letter Activity



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As selection is read, complete the words in the blanks with the first letter given.

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Main Idea of Each Paragraph	1. Introduction to Maya Lin as a d_____ with a message 2. Lin's m_____ can be found in her e_____ like the Civil Rights Memorial.
Remembering Vietnam Veterans	
	3. How people r_____ to Lin's winning design for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. 4. The design helped the p_____ of healing and made it possible for the country to come together and h_____ those who had served.
A Different Way of Looking	
	5. How Lin v_____ h_____ and her designs 6. Lin's skills in m_____ helped with architecture and s_____ problems. 7. Other p_____ Lin had designed in her c_____
	8. Lin's work shows a t_____ approach to building design.
Inspiration from a Great Leader	

9. Lin's was i_____ by a line from a speech given by Dr. M_____ L_____ K_____ Jr. for the Civil Rights Memorial.

10. Lin used King's q_____ as the theme for her design.

Conclusion Paragraph

11. M_____ are important to Lin's designs because she feels you can l_____ from them.

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Cloze – Blank Activity



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As selection is read, fill in the blanks.

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Remembering Vietnam Veterans	
	3. How people _____ to Lin's winning design for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. 4. The design helped the _____ of healing and made it possible for the country to come together and _____ those who had served.
A Different Way of Looking	
	5. How Lin _____ and her designs 6. Lin's skills in m_____ helped with architecture and _____ problems. 7. Other _____ Lin had designed in her _____ 8. Lin's work shows a _____ approach to building design.
Inspiration from a Great Leader	

9. Lin's was _____ by a line from a speech given by Dr. _____ Jr. for the Civil Rights Memorial.

10. Lin used King's _____ as the theme for her design.

Conclusion Paragraph

11. _____ are important to Lin's designs because she feels you can _____ from them.

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Write Main Ideas

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Directions

Students take notes that include topic, central idea of the selection, and main idea of each paragraph. Paragraphs with implied main ideas increase the level of difficulty with this activity.

Topic of Selection	
Central Idea (Main Idea of Selection)	
Main Idea of Each Paragraph	1. 2. Remembering Vietnam Veterans 3. 4.
	A Different Way of Looking 5. 6. 7. 8.
	Inspiration from a Great Leader 9. 10.
	Conclusion Paragraph 11.

Maya Lin, Architect of Memory

Vocabulary – Using Context Clues



Note: This vocabulary activity should be used after students have read the article.

Directions: Display the following vocabulary list. Ask the students to define the words they recognize. Then reread the selection as the students listen for these words. After hearing one of the listed words in context, ask students to give its definition. The words are listed in the order in which they appear in the article.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.