

**Expository Thinking Guide**  
Content-Based Topic

**Title of the Selection**    Winter's Tail

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Genre: Nonfiction – Informational Text

Topic of Selection	Winter's Tail
(Central Idea) Main Idea of Selection	Inspiring story of how one little dolphin learned to swim again
Main Idea of Each Paragraph	1. Introduction to Winter, a baby female dolphin, and how she injured her tail getting trapped in a crab cage.
	2. Winter's story inspires and warms hearts of people.
	3. A fisherman finds a baby dolphin in trapped by crab lines in Mosquito Lagoon.
	4. How badly the dolphin was wrapped in crab lines and how the fisherman cut her free.
	5. What happens minutes after the fisherman pulled off the last of the rope.
	6. A rescue team arrives.
	7. The rescue was not easy
	8. The dolphin arrives at the aquarium and how they named her Winter
	9. How the team evaluated and fed Winter in the holding tank
	10. What Winter's struggle with the feeding tube shows
	11. Feeding with a bottle leads weight gain
	12. Winter's tail shows bad signs of damage
	13. Winter lost her tail

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## Clustering the main idea of each paragraph

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### Cloze Activity

Students complete independently after teacher has done “most to some” of the work during direct instruction.

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