

Strategy Group Planning Form

Students:

Strategy: Analyze Development of Idea with Detail (part-to-whole)

Introduction: Readers, you've been doing a lot of hard work learning from nonfiction texts and trying to figure out the main idea. Today I am going to show you how to connect the pieces of the text to figure out how they contribute to the overall meaning.

Teach:

The first step is to name the main idea. Then ask yourself, "How does the author develop the idea?" Notice the information the author includes in each part of the text that aligns to the main idea.

Let me show you how I do this with *Up From Slavery* by Lauren Tarshis. The main idea is that Booker was able to overcome slavery to get an education and share his knowledge with the world. Now I'm going to reread this article section by section to see how each piece connects to the main idea. Listen carefully to the thinking work I do in order to connect each piece of the text back to the main idea. I'm going to jot down some notes so I can keep track of my thinking.

Students Application:

Now it is your turn, the first step is to name the main idea of the text you are reading. Then you are going to reread the text asking yourself, "How does the author develop the main idea?" Jot down some notes as you go to keep track of your thinking.

Prompts:

- *What information does the author include to support that idea?*
- *Look across the text at each part. Explain how the idea is developed.*
- *Consider why the author included the information they did.*
- *What information in each part supports the main idea?*

Closure: While reading informational text it is important that we are able to connect the pieces of text together and tie it back to the main idea. Whenever you are reading you need to be able to do this to really understand the text. Remember to do this work, first, name the main idea. Then ask yourself, "How does the author develop the idea?" Notice the information the author includes in each part of the text that aligns to the main idea.

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