

Reading Comprehension Graphic Organizer Pack

Grades 3–8 · 12 organizers + quick chooser

WHAT IS INSIDE

Cover + quick chooser + 12 printable organizers

Print the whole pack or use your PDF reader's page-range control.

Included organizers

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Quick chooser

Choose the organizer by the thinking job, not by which page looks familiar. Print only the page you need.

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Story Map

Plan the people, place, problem, and story arc before drafting.

WHO IS IN THE STORY?

WHERE AND WHEN?

WHAT GOES WRONG?

BEGINNING — SET THINGS IN MOTION

MIDDLE — ATTEMPTS, OBSTACLES, CHANGES

END — RESOLUTION AND WHAT CHANGES

Main Idea & Details

THE PRINTABLE SHELF

Separate the central point from the evidence that supports it.

TOPIC / TEXT

MAIN IDEA — ONE COMPLETE SENTENCE

SUPPORTING DETAIL 1

SUPPORTING DETAIL 2

SUPPORTING DETAIL 3

SUMMARY — MAIN IDEA + STRONGEST DETAILS

Cause & Effect

Connect why something happened with what happened as a result.

NAME / SOURCE		TOPIC / EVENT	
FOCUS EVENT OR RELATIONSHIP			
CAUSE 1	→	EFFECT 1	
CAUSE 2	→	EFFECT 2	
CAUSE 3	→	EFFECT 3	

Sequence of Events

Put events in order, then explain what changed across the sequence.

TEXT / PROCESS		NAME / DATE	
FIRST	EVENT / STEP		
↓	NEXT	EVENT / STEP	
↓	THEN	EVENT / STEP	
↓	AFTER THAT	EVENT / STEP	
↓	FINALLY	EVENT / STEP	
WHAT CHANGED FROM BEGINNING TO END?			

Inference Graphic Organizer

Combine text evidence with relevant background knowledge, then explain the inference you can support.

Name: _____

Date: _____

QUESTION / FOCUS

WHAT THE TEXT SAYS

PAIR 1: keep the background knowledge relevant to the evidence above.

WHAT I ALREADY KNOW

WHAT THE TEXT SAYS

WHAT I ALREADY KNOW

MY INFERENCE

WHY IT FITS: My inference is supported because _____

Text Evidence Graphic Organizer

Answer the question, cite two specific details, and explain how each detail supports your answer.

Name: _____

Date: _____

QUESTION

MY ANSWER / CLAIM

TEXT EVIDENCE 1

Page / paragraph / line: _____

HOW THIS SUPPORTS MY ANSWER

TEXT EVIDENCE 2

Page / paragraph / line: _____

HOW THIS SUPPORTS MY ANSWER

FINAL CHECK:

Both details directly answer the question, and I explained the connection — not just copied a quote.

Summary Graphic Organizer

Identify the central point and only the details needed to retell the important meaning accurately.

Name: _____

Date: _____

TEXT / TOPIC

MAIN IDEA / CENTRAL POINT

KEY DETAIL 1

KEY DETAIL 2

KEY DETAIL 3

KEY DETAIL 4

LEAVE OUT: minor examples • repeated details • opinions not in the text • interesting facts that do not change the main meaning

WRITE THE SUMMARY

Theme Graphic Organizer

Move from repeated story details to a defensible theme statement supported by evidence.

Name: _____

Date: _____

STORY / TEXT

IMPORTANT DETAIL 1

IMPORTANT DETAIL 2

IMPORTANT DETAIL 3

IMPORTANT DETAIL 4

WHAT DO THESE DETAILS SUGGEST?

THEME STATEMENT

Write a message about life or people—not a one-word topic.

EVIDENCE CHECK

Which two details best support the theme, and how do they connect?

Point of View Graphic Organizer

Identify who tells the text, what the narrator can know, and the evidence that supports your choice.

Name: _____

Date: _____

TEXT / PASSAGE

WHO IS TELLING?

PRONOUN / NARRATOR CLUES

POINT OF VIEW

☐ First person☐ Third-person limited☐ Third-person omniscient

WHAT THE NARRATOR KNOWS

WHAT THE NARRATOR DOES NOT / MAY NOT KNOW

BEST TEXT EVIDENCE

Quote or paraphrase the clue that makes your point-of-view choice defensible.

Author's Purpose Graphic Organizer

Use the text, audience, choices, and evidence to explain what the author is trying to accomplish.

Name: _____

Date: _____

TEXT / TITLE

AUDIENCE

TOPIC / ISSUE

WHAT IS THE AUTHOR TRYING TO DO?

AUTHOR CHOICE / TECHNIQUE

TEXT EVIDENCE

HOW IT SERVES THE PURPOSE

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Informational Text Structure Graphic Organizer

Identify how ideas are organized, then map the relationship instead of relying on signal words alone.

Name: _____

Date: _____

TEXT / SECTION

STRUCTURE CHECK

☐ Description

☐ Sequence

☐ Cause / Effect

☐ Compare / Contrast

☐ Problem / Solution

WHY THIS STRUCTURE FITS

Use the relationship among ideas; signal words are clues, not proof.

MAP THE IMPORTANT IDEAS

IDEA / PART 1

IDEA / PART 2

IDEA / PART 3

HOW THE STRUCTURE HELPS

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Compare Two Texts Graphic Organizer

Compare what two texts say, how they support ideas, and where the important similarities or differences are.

Name: _____

Date: _____

TEXT A	TEXT B
MAIN IDEA / MESSAGE	MAIN IDEA / MESSAGE
KEY EVIDENCE / DETAILS	KEY EVIDENCE / DETAILS
IMPORTANT SIMILARITY	
IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE	
SYNTHESIS What do you understand better after reading both texts together?	