

GENERIC QUESTIONS TO USE WITH INFORMATIONAL TEXT

Main Idea Questions

1. This article (passage) is MOSTLY about:
2. What is the MOST important idea in the article (passage)?
3. If you were going to tell someone about what you have read, what would be the MOST important thing to say?
4. According to this article (passage) what is the MOST important idea about _____ (choose a sub-topic).
5. What is the main purpose of this... (article, passage, paragraph, section)?
6. Another good title for this selection would be...

Vocabulary Questions

1. According to this article (passage), a _____ (choose a vocabulary word, word in bold print or in italics) is MOST LIKELY...:
2. What does the word _____ (choose a vocabulary word, word in bold print or in italics) mean as used in this article (passage)?
3. This article (passage) tells us that _____ (choose a vocabulary word, word in bold print or in italics) means...

Detail Questions

1. According to this article....(pick out a detail, i.e., "the camel's hump") is for...
2. What is NOT true about ... (pick out a detail, i.e., "the camel's hump").

Drawing A Conclusion Questions

1. Why did the author write "... " (choose a statement from the article)?
2. If you were the author of this article (passage), what might you have included?
3. The author wrote "... " (choose a statement from the article) to show / tell you (what?).
4. Which would NOT be a good way to check how well you understood this article (passage)?

Reference Questions

1. Where might you find the MOST information on this topic?
2. If you don't know what... (choose a vocabulary word, word in bold print or in italics) means, how can you find out?
3. Where would you MOST LIKELY read an article (passage) such as this?
4. If you want to know more about this subject, where would you look?