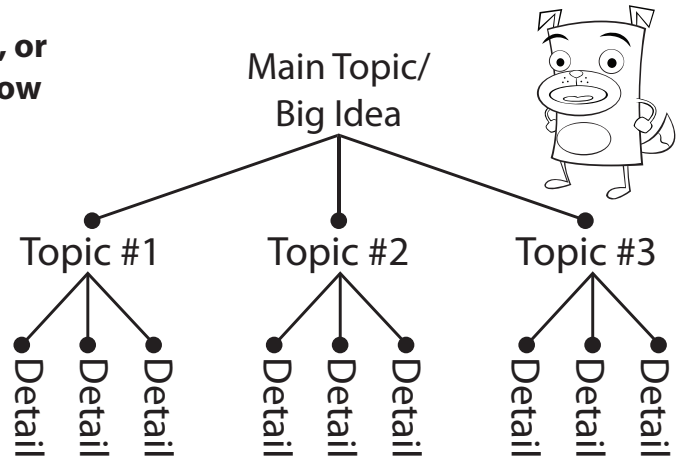


Informative Essay: Mixed Up Essay

The ideas in informative essays follow a pattern, or structure, to make it easier for the reader to follow along. Informative essays start with a big idea.

All of the information is divided into topics, and those are shaped into paragraphs.

Each paragraph has 2-4 details that give more information about that topic.



The strips below are mixed up ideas that are the skeleton of an informative essay. Cut them out and arrange them into Topics and Details. One of them is the Big Idea. Glue them on a piece of construction paper in a way that shows the structure of the ideas.



Big Idea: The Importance of a Good Apology
Topic: Apologizing is healing
Detail: Apologizing opens up a conversation for the two people to talk
Detail: Apologizing helps the other person know you care
Detail: Apologizing helps the other person know that you regret what you did
Topic: Apologizing can be hard
Detail: It's difficult to accept and say out loud that you hurt someone
Detail: You might be scared that the other person won't accept your apology
Detail: It's challenging to admit that you made a mistake
Topic: A good apology has three parts
Detail: Admit what you did
Detail: Explain that you understand the harm it caused
Detail: Ask what you can do to make it better