



If Main Ideas and Details are your focus then try . . .

Rationale

- students need to be able to determine main ideas.
- This strategy works with all topics or text types.

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Materials needed:

- student copies of "5-3-1" strategy template
- 1 Steps:
1. Individually jot down five key words that come to mind after reading and viewing two pages in your book.
 2. Share your words with a small group. From all the words shared, the groups chooses three which they think are the most important.
 3. Now, as a group, choose one word which best captures your thinking about this topic. It may be one of your three words or a different word entirely that subsumes the three words.
 4. What and why? Be ready to share your choice and explain how you chose it.
 5. Students can now write for 3 to 5 minutes in defense of their word choice.

Points to Consider

- As a scaffold, give students a list of 15 to 20 words. Have individuals choose 5; then follow the steps.

