

Main Idea Center: Extra, Extra, Read All About It

Directions: You may work with a partner or on your own.

- 1) Choose one magazine (*Time for Kids*, *Weekly Reader*, etc.) from the folder. (If you are working with a partner, choose only 1 magazine for both of you.)
- 2) Find an article that is interesting to you and read the article carefully. Can you figure out the main idea? If you're not sure, ask another student at your center for their opinion.
- 3) After you have figured out the main idea, cut out the article neatly with scissors. Put the magazine back into the folder and throw any paper scraps away. Put the scissors away.
- 4) Take a piece of construction paper and tape the article to the paper. Write your name on one corner of the construction paper in marker.
- 5) On the construction paper, draw a main idea web. Write four or five details on the outside, and then write the main idea in the middle of the web. Work neatly so I can hang your work up!
- 6) Write a different title for the article on the top of your construction paper. The title should be about the main idea!
- 7) Make sure you clean up all of your supplies.
- 8) If you have extra time left, you can browse through the magazines and read any articles that you want to yourself.

Example:

The title you make up for the article that is different from the original title.

Cut-out article taped onto the construction paper.

Main idea and detail web that you draw for the article. Your middle part can be a circle, a cloud shape ... it's up to you how you draw it.

