

Example response 2

This is about the folktale of ninjas and what they think of their abilities

- Misses main idea.
- Misses key points.
- Did not read.



Example response 3

This passage was about how people thought ninjas had some types of powers because they were very secretive and left behind few historical records of their activities.

- + Covers the main idea.
- + Covers key ideas.
- Misses a key idea.
- Perhaps uses too many words from the text in some places.



Example response 4

This passage was about superhuman abilities, such as invisibility, flight, and the power to split into multiple bodies.

- Does not cover the main idea clearly.
- Uses too much text from the passage.
- Only read the first sentence.
- Did not read the text.



Example response 5

This text is about why people think ninjas have super powers because they were secretive and legends.

- + Covers the main idea.
- + Covers all key ideas.
- + Is in the author's own words.
- + Is very nicely summarized.
- + Does not include opinions or background information.



Summary and main idea worksheet nr 1

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Suggested answers

1. **Example Title:** *Circus Trains: Changing the Way they Operated.*
2. **Example Summary:** Circuses used to have a difficult time travelling and had to stop at many small towns along the way. Trains allowed circuses to travel easily from big city to big city.
3. **Example Title:** TGV: A Record Setting Train.
4. **Example Summary:** The TGV is a French train that set a record for the fastest wheeled train and the fastest passenger train service.
5. **Example Title:** *The Train: Mother of the Cowboy.*
6. **Example Summary:** Cows were not worth a lot of money until they could be easily transported to the East after the invention of the train. Many people then became cowboys despite the dangers that they faced.
7. **Example Title:** *Death of the Electric Tram.*
8. **Example Summary:** This passage is about how many large companies that served the automotive market conspired to dismantle the electric trolley car system and replace them with less desirable buses.

Summary and main idea worksheet nr 2

Suggested answers

1. **Example Title:** *The Mysterious Origin of the Word Ninja.*
2. **Example Summary:** The word *ninja* has mysterious origins, but it probably derived from the word *shinobi-no-mono*, which looks nothing like *ninja* in English but is very similar in kanji.
3. **Example Title:** *The Scabbard: More Than Just a Sheath.*
4. **Example Summary:** The katana was a powerful fighting sword, but the scabbard had additional uses as a climbing tool, a probing tool and a blinding weapon.
5. **Example Title:** *The Myth of the Ninja.*
6. **Example Summary:** People think that ninjas had superpowers because ninjas have been portrayed like that in art and media. With few historical records to correct these misconceptions, the myths prevail.
7. **Example Title:** *Disguised is the New Black: How Ninjas Really Dressed.*
8. **Example Summary:** Ninjas probably did not actually wear black suits as they are popularly depicted. It is likely that they wore more advantageous disguises such as farmer, fortune-teller, merchant or monk.

Summary test

Suggested answers

Part 1

1. Text is a powerful way to communicate. One man made a large contribution to literacy.
2. Gutenberg went to college and followed a trade but wound up in debt.
3. Gutenberg made an investment that backfired due to natural events. He shared a secret with his investors.
4. Gutenberg created movable type.
5. Books were very expensive to produce until Gutenberg's invention made them more affordable.
6. Gutenberg's first book was a copy of the Bible, and Gutenberg's originals are worth millions of dollars today.
7. Gutenberg fell into debt and lost everything.
8. Gutenberg failed at business but still changed the world.

Part 2

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| 1. D | 2. B | 3. B | 4. A | 5. C | 6. A |
| 7. D | 8. B | 9. D | | | |

Part 3

(Long response answers will vary.)

10. Books were very expensive to produce until Gutenberg's invention made them more affordable. Any appropriate quotes to support your answer.

11. Own opinion. Carefully explain your opinion and quote to support your answer.

Yes – he was successful because he changed the world by making books more affordable.

No – he wasn't successful because he went bankrupt and lost everything.

Suggested answers

1. For example, to introduce:
 - a list: *We bought the following items of stationery: pens, pencils and erasers.*
 - an explanation: *He decided not to wear a jersey: it was a very hot day.* (2)
2. The parts of speech are a verb and a noun: **n**=noun; **v**=verb.
announce = noun; *announcing* = verb. (6)
3. Definition 2, make known the arrival or imminence of, is the correct definition in the context of the passage. (2)
4. Any sentences which clearly show the differences in meaning among the three definitions, for example:
I will not announce who the prefects are.
I now announce the winners of the competition. (2)
5. The origin of the word "announce" is the Latin word *nuntius*, which means *messenger*. (3)

Total: 15