



EXPEDITIONARY
LEARNING

Grade 8: Module 2B: Unit 1: Lesson 4

Supporting Materials



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Evaluating Evidence Note-catcher

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Supporting Claim	What piece of evidence does Schama use to best back up that supporting claim?	Why is that the best evidence?

Summary Writing Graphic Organizer

Name: _____

Date: _____

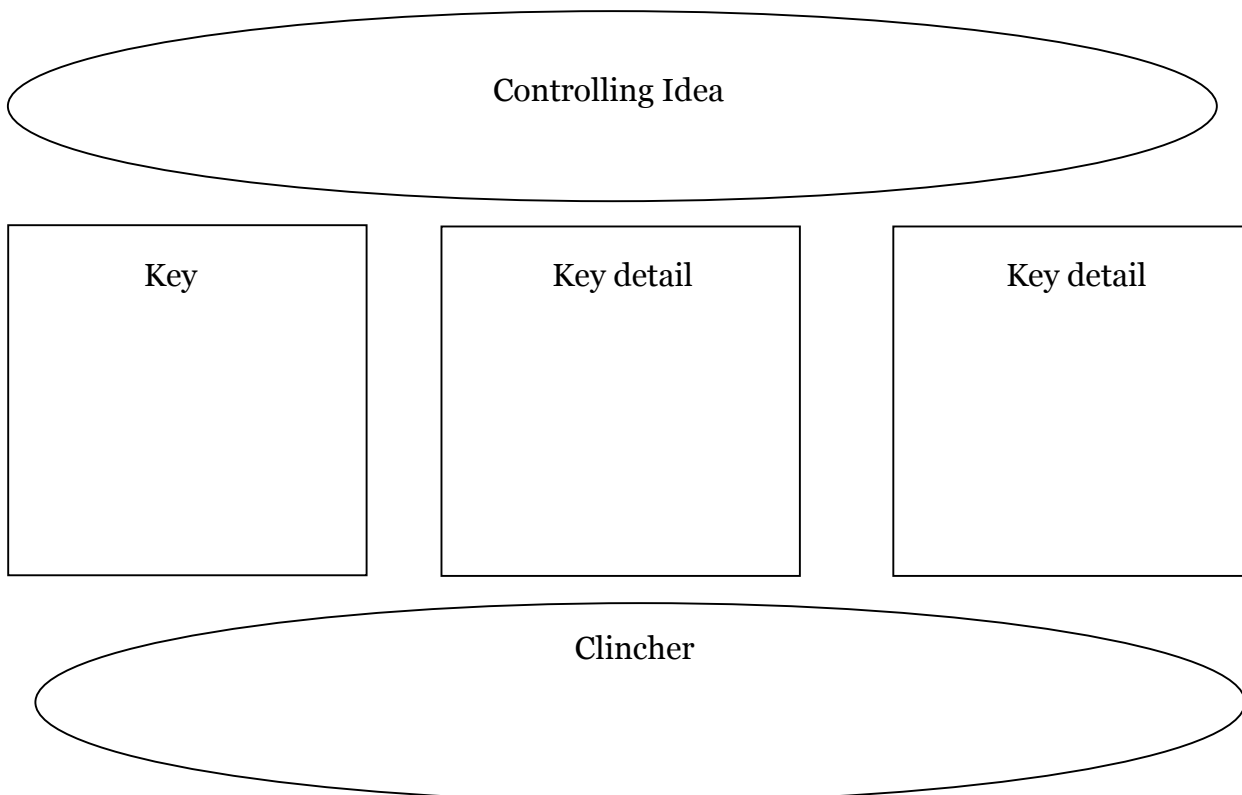
When you are reading actively, one of the most important things you do is figure out the point of the text. This means you are recognizing its controlling idea. In this case, the **controlling idea** is the author's central claim that he uses to build his whole argument.

Once you have done that, you have really done the hardest work.

Still, there is more. You need to figure out which are the **key details** in the text (hint: think about the author's claims).

Finally, write a great closing sentence, a clincher.

Once that is done, you are ready to write up the notes into a **summary paragraph**. At that point, you will have gotten a good, basic understanding of the text you are reading.



The diagram is a graphic organizer for writing a summary paragraph. It consists of a large horizontal oval at the top labeled "Controlling Idea". Below this oval are three rectangular boxes arranged horizontally. The first box on the left is labeled "Key". The two boxes on the right are both labeled "Key detail". Below these three boxes is a large horizontal oval at the bottom labeled "Clincher".