



Name:	Teacher Monday	Standard:	RI.KID.5.1 TLW cite textual evidence to support inferences drawn from the text. RI.KID.5.2 TLW determine a main idea of a text and how it conveyed through key details.
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Day 1 Do-Now (YDA, 5 minutes, 5 minutes review, DOK 2)

From the article: "Student Opinion: An Hour of Video Gaming Can Be Good For Your Health."

Directions: Underline 3 pieces of text evidence to support your main idea. Then, write the main idea in the lines provided.

A Way To Make Friends At School

Playing a shooter game or other games can help you learn. Gamers tend to be stronger at focusing on 3-D objects than non-gamers. Gaming can also lead to an improvement in math and other subjects. ~~to~~ friends

Video games also improve our eyesight. For example, in shooter games, you focus on a target and shoot. This improves your reflexes and is an exercise for your eyes. Eyesight gets worse when we reach a certain age, but video games may improve it. ~~to~~ friends

Because video games are very social, we make a huge amount of friends on them. If you are the only one who does not play video games in your school, then you do not know what's happening. People talk about all sorts of things related to games. You will feel left out. At school, I hear the word "Fortnite" at least 200 times a day. Video games allow you to have a shared interest with many people at your school.

Main Idea: Video games are a way to make friends and socialize at school.

10 minutes total

What is activism?

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Teenagers participate in a march to demand action on climate change in 2014. Marching for a cause is one example of activism. Photo: Wikimedia Commons

(ID, 7 minutes)

Activism is the use of individual or group action to cause social change. The desired change might take the form of a new law. It might be a change to the practices of a business or other group. It might simply be a change in public opinion. In the United States, activism has promoted changes related to many issues. These include voting rights, issues of war and peace and environmental protection.

Citizens sometimes engage in activism individually. For example, a person might write a letter to a newspaper or public official. However, activism often involves many people working together. At rallies and marches, groups of people proclaim their opinions in a public setting.

A boycott is another form of activism. In a boycott, people protest the actions of a company by refusing to buy its products. The purpose of the boycott is not only to voice the opinions of the group. It is also to get the business to change its actions, usually by threatening the business' profits.

Campaigns for public office might also be a form of activism. A candidate for office might take stands on a variety of issues. Citizens who agree with the candidate work together to help win the election.

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A Tool For Promoting Sustainable Living (WDT, 5-7 minutes)

Activism has become an important tool for promoting sustainable living efforts. For example, in many communities developers want to buy small farms or wilderness areas. This allows them to construct new buildings on the land. However, construction often disrupts or destroys the existing habitat. Local residents might use the methods of activism to prevent these changes. One method is to start a petition. For a petition, activists gather signatures from people who support their cause. Then they present the signatures to town officials. Activists might also attend community meetings. They can encourage their leaders to pass new laws to limit construction.

USA ← Activism also promotes sustainability issues at national and global levels. In September 2014, more than 400,000 people gathered in New York City. They took part in the People's Climate March. The goal of the march was to convince world leaders to take action to fight climate change. Other marches against climate change have taken place in cities around the world.



Launching a business that promotes sustainable living is also a form of activism. An example of this type of business was started in 2013 by Harish Patel. On a trip to India, Patel noticed that clothing was often produced by workers who were poorly treated. It was also made using methods that polluted the environment. Patel had no special skills in business or fashion design. However, he wanted to make a difference. Patel founded "ishi vest," a line of clothes that are developed in a sustainable way. The clothes are colored with natural dyes. For their linings, they use cotton grown without chemicals. The goal of the company is to make a profit while protecting its workers and the environment.

Nonprofit Groups Support Sustainability (YDA, 7 minutes)

charity

Many nonprofit groups promote activism in support of sustainability. Generally, these groups have only a small number of workers. They depend on volunteers who are willing to give their time and money.

One of these groups is the Environmental Defense Fund. It works with government agencies and businesses in the United States on climate, energy and health issues. The Kindling Trust promotes local farms and sustainable agriculture in England. A group called 350.org is building a global climate movement. It supports thousands of activists in more than 188 countries. Their goal is to hold "our leaders accountable to the realities of science and the principles of justice." These three groups work in very different ways. But they all use activism to accomplish their goals.

25 minutes

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35 mins total → 9:35



Transition 5 mins

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Week 3, Day 1 Gallery Walk

Directions: Annotate each question then choose the BEST answer. Then, justify your answer in the lines below each question.

9:40 - 9:45

(ID, 5 minutes, 5.1, DOK 2)

"What is Activism?"

evidence
↑

1 Read the section "A Tool For Promoting Sustainable Living." Which sentence from the section shows why people might protest a construction company?

- ~~A~~ This allows them to construct new buildings on the land. W
- (B) However, construction often disrupts or destroys the existing habitat. S
- ~~C~~ They can encourage their leaders to pass new laws to limit construction. N
- ~~D~~ It was also made using methods that polluted the environment. N

I chose answer B because it explains how construction is directly hurting the environment.

(WDT, 5 minutes, 5.1, DOK 2)

9:45 - 9:50

2 Read the selection from the introduction [paragraphs 1-4].

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Strong

Which of the following is the MOST accurate explanation of this paragraph?

- ~~A~~ Activists hope that harming a company's profits through a boycott will cause it to change. W
- ~~B~~ Boycotts are an effective way for people to show that they disagree with a company. W
- ~~C~~ Activists hope that people will refuse to buy products from companies with unpopular policies. N
- (D) Boycotts are a type of protest where people do not buy a company's products until it changes its practice. S

I chose answer D because it explains a protest, then explains why a boycott is activism.



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(WDP, 5 minutes, 5.2, DOK 2)

9:50 - 9:55

3 Which of the following are two MAIN ideas from the article? ~~Choose 2~~

- ~~A~~ Activists want to make social changes; boycotts and marches are common ways for activists to protest. S W
- (B) Activists are groups of people who try to make changes in society; many activists are working to protect the environment. S
- ~~C~~ Many activists are concerned about climate change; scientists worry that fossil fuels are causing the Earth to get warmer. W N
- ~~D~~ There are many ways for activists to voice their opinions; boycotts and marches are some ways activists protest. S W

I chose answer B because it explains the two main ideas of the article.

(YDA, 5 minutes, 5.2, DOK 2)

9:55 - 10

4 Read the sentences summarizing the MAIN ideas of the article below.

Activists are people who push for changes in their communities and society. Activists may sign petitions, boycott companies or march in rallies to support a cause. Many nonprofit groups depend on activists and volunteers to help them.

Which answer choice would complete the summary? → only includes important details

- (A) Activists have been a key part of raising awareness for issues about the environment.
- ~~(B)~~ Many activists run for public office to change laws and policies they disagree with. N
- ~~(C)~~ Most nonprofit groups have small staffs and need volunteers to do their work. N
- ~~(D)~~ A boycott is when people stop buying from a company because they disagree with it. W

I chose answer A because it's the only choice that would add a strong idea to the summary.

Review until 10:10

ET until 10:30