



LESSON PLAN

MILITARY MAIN POINTS

Series: Military Machines

Objective

To help students practice identifying and summarizing the main ideas of chapters in a book about military machines.

Supplies

- One or more books in the Military Machines series
- Whiteboard
- Paper and pencils

Before the Activity

Write the following questions on the whiteboard:

- Does this chapter talk about the past or the present?
- Does this chapter describe the type of missions a machine often does?
- Does this chapter describe a machine's weapons or ways to attack?
- Does this chapter describe how the machine avoids enemies?
- Does this chapter talk about the people who use or run the machine?
- Does this chapter talk about different versions of the machine?

Activity

Divide the class into groups of three or four. Make sure each group has paper and pencils. Pass out a different book from the Military Machines series to each group. Students should read this book with their group. As they read, they should work together to identify the main ideas of each chapter in the book. They can look at the questions on the whiteboard if they get stuck.

Next, students should write a short paragraph (two to three sentences) that summarizes each chapter. The paragraph should start with the topic sentence "Chapter ____ describes ____." After that, students should write a sentence or two telling the most important facts from the chapter. Remind students to use complete sentences.

Evaluation

Collect each group's summaries. Did the students accurately identify and describe the main ideas of each chapter? Did they use complete sentences when writing their paragraphs?