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All About Book Planner

You are an expert! Pick something you know a lot about and plan a book that teaches it.



Name: _____ **Date:** _____

I am an expert on

_____

_____

_____

By: _____

Cover picture

Chapter 1: _____

Fact:

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Fact:

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Chapter 2: _____

Fact:

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Fact:

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Chapter 3: _____

Fact:

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Fact:

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Chapter 4: _____

Fact:

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Fact:

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Research Notes Organizer



Pick a real topic: an animal, a place, a sport or an invention. Read about it and take notes in your own words.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

My topic:

What is it? Where is it found?

Fact 1

Fact 2

Fact 3

New words I learned and what they mean

A question I still have

Where I found my facts (book, website or expert):

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Main Idea and Details Table



A main idea is like a tabletop. The details are the legs that hold it up. Plan a paragraph that teaches.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Main idea (the tabletop) What is the big thing you want to teach?

Detail 1

Detail 2

Detail 3

Closing sentence Say the main idea again in new words.

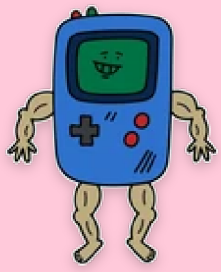
Did you...

- ☐ **start with the main idea?**
- ☐ **give three details?**
- ☐ **use facts, not opinions?**
- ☐ **end with a closing sentence?**

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Text Features Fact Page



Make a page like a real nonfiction book. Fill in every text feature about a topic you know.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Heading

Picture with labels

Caption: _____

Did you know? An amazing fact

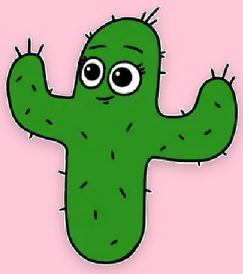
Paragraph (write one important word in bold, darker letters)

Glossary Your bold word: what it means

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Compare and Contrast Two Things

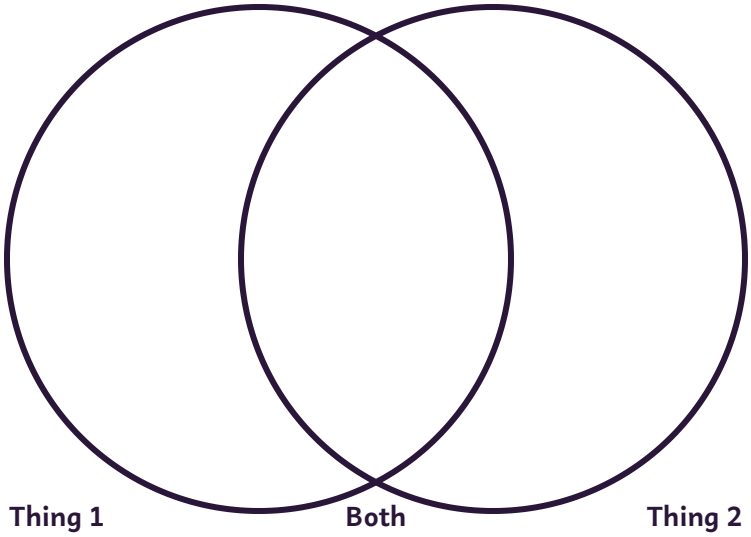


Pick two things to compare: two animals, two places or two sports. Fill in the diagram, then write about them.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Thing 1:

Thing 2:



Signal words

both · alike · also · but · however · unlike · on the other hand

Write how they are alike and how they are different.

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