What’s Important?
As you read “Legends of the Wild West,” think about which details are most important. Next, write the main idea of the article. Last, use the important details you marked to write a summary of the article.

Put a star next to three details in your magazine that you think are the most important. Each should:
• relate to what the article is mostly about
• support the main idea of the article
• be important enough to include in a summary

MAIN IDEA:
What is the big idea the author wants you to know and understand?

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SUMMARY: In the article titled ____________________________,”
Karen Kellaher discusses ____________________________

For example, ____________________________

One important detail is that ____________________________

The article ends by ____________________________
Arctic Animals

In “On Top of the World!” you read about the Arctic. The chart below lists some animals that live in the Arctic region. Read the chart and answer the questions.

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<tr>
<th>Animal</th>
<th>Winter Survival Trick</th>
<th>Fun Fact(s)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Polar Bear</td>
<td>Polar bears spend much of the winter hunting on the sea ice that covers the Arctic Ocean. During the summer, the bears eat very little.</td>
<td>Polar bears are the largest kind of bear on Earth! A male can weigh more than 1,700 pounds, while a female is about 1,000 pounds.</td>
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<td>Arctic Fox</td>
<td>A thick fur coat keeps arctic foxes warm. They even have fur on the bottoms of their feet and between their toes.</td>
<td>Their powerful ears let them hear animals under the snow. Their strong nose lets them smell food from a mile away.</td>
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<td>Reindeer</td>
<td>Reindeer have thick fur that keeps them warm. Their wide hooves help them travel on soft snow.</td>
<td>Reindeer herding is important to many native people in the Arctic.</td>
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<td>Hare</td>
<td>A hare’s fur turns white in the winter. This camouflage helps it blend in with the snow.</td>
<td>The hare’s long legs help it run away from predators like the arctic wolf. Hares can run up to 40 miles per hour.</td>
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<td>Beluga Whale</td>
<td>Belugas have a layer of fat beneath their tough skin. It’s called blubber. It keeps them warm in cold waters.</td>
<td>Belugas swim under the ice. When they need to come up for air, they can break the ice with their heads.</td>
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1. Why do polar bears need sea ice? _____________________________________________

2. What is camouflage? Include an example from the chart. ________________________

3. How do arctic foxes find food? ________________________________________________

4. What keeps beluga whales warm in cold waters? _________________________________

5. What is one way a hare escapes from predators? _________________________________

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Close-Reading Questions

Refer to “Legends of the Wild West” to respond to the questions below. Reread the article to find details that support your answers. Remember to write in complete sentences.

1. What is the purpose of the first three paragraphs?

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2. What were some risks cowboys faced?

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3. Why were fewer cowboys needed by the late 1880s?

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Name: ________________________________

Close-Reading Questions

Refer to “On Top of the World!” to respond to the questions below. Reread the article to find details that support your answers. Remember to write in complete sentences.

1. Why is the North Pole a difficult place to visit?

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2. How did the kids investigate how clean the Arctic is? What did they find?

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3. What details from the article does “Welcome to Barneo Ice Camp!” help explain?

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Be a Quiz Whiz!

For each question below, fill in the circle next to the correct answer.

**Legends of the Wild West** Pages 2-3

1. During the late 1880s, cowboys mostly ____.
   - A) worked hard to control cattle
   - B) built stronger fences to control cattle
   - C) worked on the trails
   - D) performed in rodeos

2. Part A The work of a cowboy was ____.
   - A) very easy
   - B) for white men only
   - C) often done by women
   - D) often dangerous

3. Part B Which detail best supports the answer to question 2?
   - A) “From the 1860s to the early 1880s, cowboys had big jobs to do.”
   - B) “If the cowboys weren’t very careful, they and the animals could drown.”
   - C) “By the late 1880s, barbed wire fences were common.”
   - D) “But some women were cowgirls, like Johanna July.”

**On Top of the World!** Pages 4-5

4. An example of an extreme condition in the North Pole is ____.
   - A) tall mountain ranges
   - B) freezing cold weather
   - C) fast-flowing rivers
   - D) garbage pollution

5. The main idea of “Icy Science” is that ____.
   - A) experiments showed that pollution reaches the Arctic region
   - B) scientists visit only cold areas
   - C) a region is a large area with shared features
   - D) scientists studied only the ice on this trip

6. What did scientists learn about pollution?
   - A) Most pollution comes from the North Pole.
   - B) The North Pole is not affected by pollution.
   - C) Pollution is getting everywhere in the oceans.
   - D) Cold temperatures prevent pollution.

**I’m Turning Two!** Page 6

7. Gavin’s birthday is unique because it ____.
   - A) occurs twice per year
   - B) does not occur every year
   - C) occurs four times a year
   - D) is on a new day each year

8. Why does leap year occur every four years?
   - A) It honors scientists who study space.
   - B) The Earth stops traveling around the sun once every four years.
   - C) The Earth makes a larger orbit once every four years.
   - D) Every four years, the extra 6 hours it takes Earth to orbit the sun adds up to a full day.

**He Grew Up to Be a U.S. President** Page 7

9. Which detail supports the idea that President Roosevelt guided the U.S. through tough times?
   - A) He was re-elected three times.
   - B) He had a disease called polio.
   - C) He led the country through the Great Depression and World War II.
   - D) He was president longer than any other person in U.S. history.

**Is That a Unicorn?** Page 7

10. What makes Narwhal different?
    - A) his long tail
    - B) his unique name
    - C) his extra tail
    - D) the shelter where he lived