

Get the Gist Cue Card

Step 1 - Who or what is this section mostly about?

- Is anyone or anything mentioned most frequently?
- Be sure to check pictures, captions, and headings.

Step 2 - What is the most important information about the who or what?

- What information relates to the:
 - who or what,
 - culminating question, and/or
 - essential word(s)?
- Be sure to check pictures, captions, and headings.

Step 3 - Write a gist statement.

- Be sure your statement identifies:
 - the most important who or what and
 - the most important information about the who or what.
- Be sure your statement includes:
 - a capital letter,
 - a period, and
 - approximately 10 words.

Partner Reading Get the Gist Cue Card

Step 1 - Read the section.

- Partner 1 reads the section.
- Partner 2 follows along.

Step 2 - Get the gist.

- Partner 1: Who or what is this section mostly about?
- Partner 2: I think this section is mostly about _____. Do you agree?
- Partners discuss.
- Partner 2: What is the most important information about the who or what?
- Partner 1: I think the most important information about _____ is _____. Do you agree?
- Partners discuss.
- Write or say the gist statement.

Step 3 - Repeat Steps 1 and 2.

- Partners switch roles.