Name:

Dr. Attis

9th Literature

Date:

**Non-Fiction Focus-Main Idea:**

**Assignment #4**

**Objectives**

* Students will identify and analyze main ideas and supporting details
* Students will learn to analyze nonfiction

**Literary Text: Magazine Article**

* Did Animals Sense Tsunami Was Coming? By NGN
* Lexile 1220
* Pg 107-110

**Assignment Length**

* One class period

**Notes - Main Idea in information text**

* The main idea is the most important point or central message
* Two questions to ask yourself to find the main idea
  + What is the writer trying to say?
  + Why is the author making this point?
  + What is the author’s purpose for writing?
* Different types of details that support a writer’s main idea
  + **Facts** (statements that can be proven)
  + **Statistics** (facts in the form of numbers)
  + **Quotations** (a person’s exact words or statements)
  + **Evidence** (examples)

**Research**:\_\_\_\_\_/3

1. Look up the subject: Tsumani
2. Provide 3 facts that you learned about a tsunami
3. Be prepared to share with the class

**Work Session**

**Constructed Response Rubric**

* Main Idea: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/3
* Detail #1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/3
* Detail #2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/3
* Detail #3: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/3
* Transition words: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/2
* Closing sentence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/1

Total: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/15

**Whole Group: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/5pts (EC)**

1. Did Animals Sense Tsunami Was Coming? By NGN pg 107-110
2. Main Idea Graphic Organizer

**Partner**: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/4**

1. Informational Reading Focus A (Supporting Details) pg 107
2. Informational Reading Focus B (Main Idea) pg 107
3. Informational Reading Focus C (Main Idea) pg 109
4. Informational Reading Focus D (Supporting Details) pg 109

**Individual: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/21**

1. On pg 111, answer the multiple choice questions #1-6
2. On pg 111, complete the constructed response. The main idea is already given to you so just copy it. Follow the outline below. Rubric is below.
   * 1. Main Idea: Animals successfully escaped the devastation of the tsunami due to their instincts.
     2. Detail #1
     3. Detail #2
     4. Detail #3
     5. Closing sentence