'A Rat's Life':

Main Idea and Supporting Details Sort

Teacher Directions

Cut out all the cards and mix them up. Have students read the "A Rat's Life" comic and then use the text to match each main idea card with the supporting detail cards.

Main Idea 1

Rats are friendly and playful.

Main Idea 2

Animals used in experiments are treated cruelly.

Main Idea 3

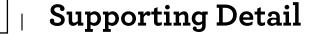
Many people only use products that aren't tested on animals.

Main Idea 4

There are lots of modern research methods that don't hurt animals.



Supporting Detail







THEY LOVE TO PLAY AND GET INTO THINGS, YESTERDAY, THEY SPENT HOURS PULLING MY DIRTY CLOTHES OUT OF MY HAMPER.



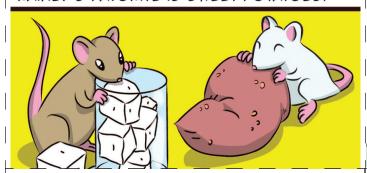
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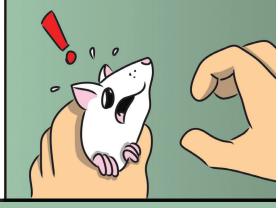
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IF I LEAVE A GLASS OF ICE WATER ON THE FLOOR FOR THEM, THEY TAKE OUT EACH ICE CUBE AND CARRY IT AWAY FROM THE GLASS IN THEIR TEETH, THEY ALSO LOVE TREATS-RAINEY'S FAVORITE IS SWEET POTATOES.



THE EXPERIMENTERS DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THEM OR TREAT THEM GENTLY. THEY OFTEN THREW THE ANIMALS AROUND AND LEFT THEM WITH PAINFUL INJURIES. SOMETIMES THEY LAUGHED WHILE THEY WERE DOING MEAN THINGS TO THE ANIMALS.



Supporting Detail



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EVEN DOG AND CAT FOOD COMPANIES TEST ON ANIMALS. DURING THESE LONG, CRUEL TESTS, THE DOGS AND CATS CAN BE FORCED TO LIVE FOR YEARS IN COLD. EMPTY CAGES WITHOUT ANY TOYS OR ANYTHING TO DO.







Supporting Detail



OUR COUSIN WON'T BUY ANY MAKEUP MADE BY COMPANIES THAT TEST ON ANIMALS. SHE SAYS THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR BUYING THOSE THINGS WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER COMPANIES



RIGHT, THOUSANDS OF BIG COMPANIES, LIKE THE BODY SHOP, TOM'S OF MAINE, E.L.F., METHOD, WET N WILD, YES TO, AND PACIFICA DON'T TEST ON ANIMALS.



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SMART CHARITIES FOCUS ON PREVENTION AND CARE. AND THEY USE MODERN RESEARCH METHODS LIKE OBSERVING HUMANS, USING COMPUTER MODELS, CONDUCTING AUTOPSIES, AND STUDYING HUMAN CELL AND TISSUE SAMPLES.



YES, THEY ARE FASTER, MORE RELIABLE, AND LESS EXPENSIVE THAN ANIMAL TESTS. NOWADAYS THERE ARE HIGH-TECH COMPUTER VIRTUAL ORGANS THAT ARE JUST LIKE HUMAN BODY PARTS. IN THIS DAY AND AGE, THERE'S NO REASON TO EXPERIMENT ON ANIMALS.



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Note: Students can record the supporting details in any order.
Main Idea 1: Rats are friendly and playful. Supporting Details: ♡, □, ○
Main Idea 2: Animals used in experiments are treated cruelly. Supporting Details: \Box , \triangle , \boxdot
Main Idea 3: Many people only use products that aren't tested on animals. Supporting Details: ⊙, ♡
Main Idea 4: There are lots of modern research methods that don't hurt animals. Supporting Details: \square , \triangle



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Student Worksheet	
Directions: Fill in the blanks with the s for each main idea.	shapes located on the supporting detail cards
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Main Idea 4: There are lots of modern res	search methods that don't hurt animals.
Supporting Details:,	

