



Grade 5 ELA

Nonfiction Text Analysis

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Today's Objectives:

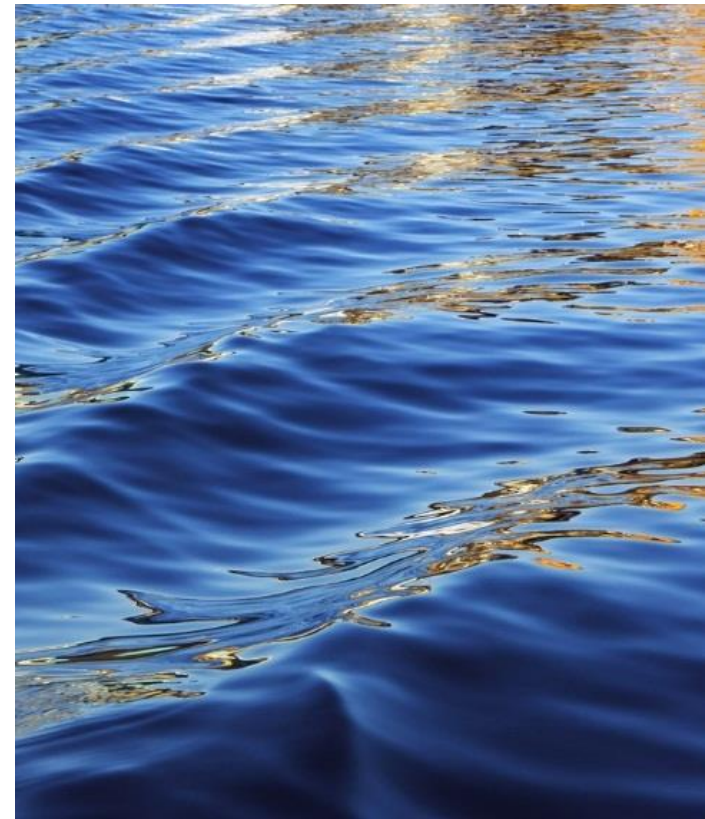
- RI.5.2 Determine two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details; summarize the text.
- RI.5.1 Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.





Review:

How can you best analyze a news article (nonfiction text)?



Nonfiction Articles Have:

- Vocabulary
- Main Ideas
- Supporting Details
- Paragraphs
- Photographs or Illustrations (Drawings) with captions
- An author
- An introduction
- A body
- A conclusion

Therefore, I can best understand an article by:

- Looking up words I don't know
- Rereading the article if I'm confused
- Underlining unfamiliar words and phrases
- Discussing the topic with others
- Asking questions about the article
- Looking at the photos or illustrations



Your assessment today will be worth 10 points. Please read the article and answer the questions. Be sure to put your name on your work.

Seattle steams off years of stuck-on memories at Gum Wall

By Los Angeles Times, adapted by Newsela staff on 12.02.15

Word Count **658**



Jean Yang (bottom right) receives a helping hand from Ankur Dhar while adding another wad to the Gum Wall in Seattle, Washington's Post Alley. Photo: Alan Berner/Seattle Times/TNS

SEATTLE, Wash. — There was a loud, hot burst of steam. Then the great Seattle Gum Wall began melting away.

The Gum Wall was made of a million pieces of chewed gum. It had been Seattle's weirdest tourist attraction. It served as a colorful backdrop for many selfies, wedding shots and even baby announcements.

The great Seattle Gum Wall began melting away in early November.

Two workers in protective gear did the dirty job. The first sprayed hot steam onto the old brick. The second scraped off the softened gum with a rake. Steam hissed. Clumps of gum fell like the soft patter of rain.

In Other Cities, They Just Stick It Under The Chair

A blast of old mint mixed with a fruity smell filled the dark little alley in Seattle's famous Pike Place fish market.

"Awww," said one passer-by. "Goodbye!"

Nostalgic fans began journeying to the Gum Wall more than a week before it came down. Kymberly Dempsey lives nearby in Snohomish, Washington. She took her four children out of school so they wouldn't miss this important moment.

Dempsey's great-grandmother owned a Swedish bakery in Pike Place Market before the Gum Wall came about. Back then chewing gum makers still used chicle, or natural tree sap. Today's gum is made from artificial rubber.

Dempsey only takes her children out of school for important events like the Seahawks Super Bowl championship parade and the Gum Wall. "If you miss it, you'll never get to see it again," said Dempsey. "It's gross, but it's also so colorful that it's kind of beautiful."

Public Art -- And It Smells Like Hubba Bubba

The Gum Wall is fairly new to Seattle. It's younger than the Space Needle, but older than the Great Wheel, the Ferris wheel that take riders high over Puget Sound.

Some people say the wall grew out of boredom.

Around 20 years ago, long lines for comedy shows at the Market Theater stretched down Post Alley. Theatergoers would stick their chewed-up gum to the brick wall outside the theater.

Mercedes Carrabba owns a small coffee shop overlooking the wall. For years, the wads clung to just a few square feet of the alley's east wall, she said. Then, social media like Facebook spread, and so did the gum. By the end, around 1,000 square feet of hardened gum clung to both walls of Post Alley. People posted pictures of themselves in front of the wall on Instagram and Facebook.

It's not just taking a photo, she added. It's also a way for people to share pictures and interact.

A Bridal Portrait Backdrop

Allison Hazen and Philip Prahst swooped into Gum Alley on an August day in 2012, a time of year when gum is at its goopiest. It was their wedding day. She wore a long white gown. They wanted to celebrate the moment with a backdrop of Hubba Bubba and Trident.

It was a perfect moment. They forgot just one thing. The gum.

"We were walking down the ramp, and people started noticing us," Hazen recounted. "They made us feel like royalty." The crowd clapped and cheered. One woman even filled up Hazen's hands with white gum.

The crowds had all but disappeared as the cleaning crew set up recently. Two women from Korea were the only ones snapping pictures with their cellphones in the early-morning darkness.

They came to see the Gum Wall for the first time right before it was removed.

The Gum Wall Rises Again

No one knew how long the newly cleaned brick of Post Alley would remain gum-free.

Leonard Garfield is in charge of Seattle's Museum of History & Industry. He said he would be surprised if Seattle was ready to leave this important piece of history behind. "It went up. It's coming down. It will go up again."

Garfield was right. No sooner had the wall been scrubbed clean for the first time in 20 years than gum began to be added again.

Name: _____

1 Which sentence BEST supports the main idea that the wall is popular with many people? 1 pt.

- (A) A blast of old mint mixed with a fruity smell filled the dark little alley in Seattle's famous Pike Place fish market.
- (B) Nostalgic fans began journeying to the Gum Wall more than a week before it came down.
- (C) Dempsey only takes her children out of school for important events like the Seahawks Super Bowl championship parade and the Gum Wall.
- (D) "If you miss it, you'll never get to see it again," said Dempsey.

2 Which of the following are TWO main ideas from the article? 1 pt.

- (A) The Gum Wall is Seattle's most unusual attraction; its popularity has been unexpected.
- (B) The Gum Wall is being removed; the process of cleaning the wall was messy.
- (C) People like to take selfies by the Gum Wall; Allison Hazen even took wedding pictures by the wall.
- (D) Many people have fond memories of the Gum Wall; the Gum Wall is being removed.

3 Based on the article, how did people react to the wall being cleaned up? 1 pt.

- (A) They are relieved it is finally clean.
- (B) They are mostly angry that it is being taken down.
- (C) They are disappointed to see it go.
- (D) They are confused about why it was removed.

4. Use the RACE method to answer the question: 7 pt.

- 1. Read the section "The Gum Wall Rises Again." Based on information in this section, what will MOST likely happen with the Gum Wall?
