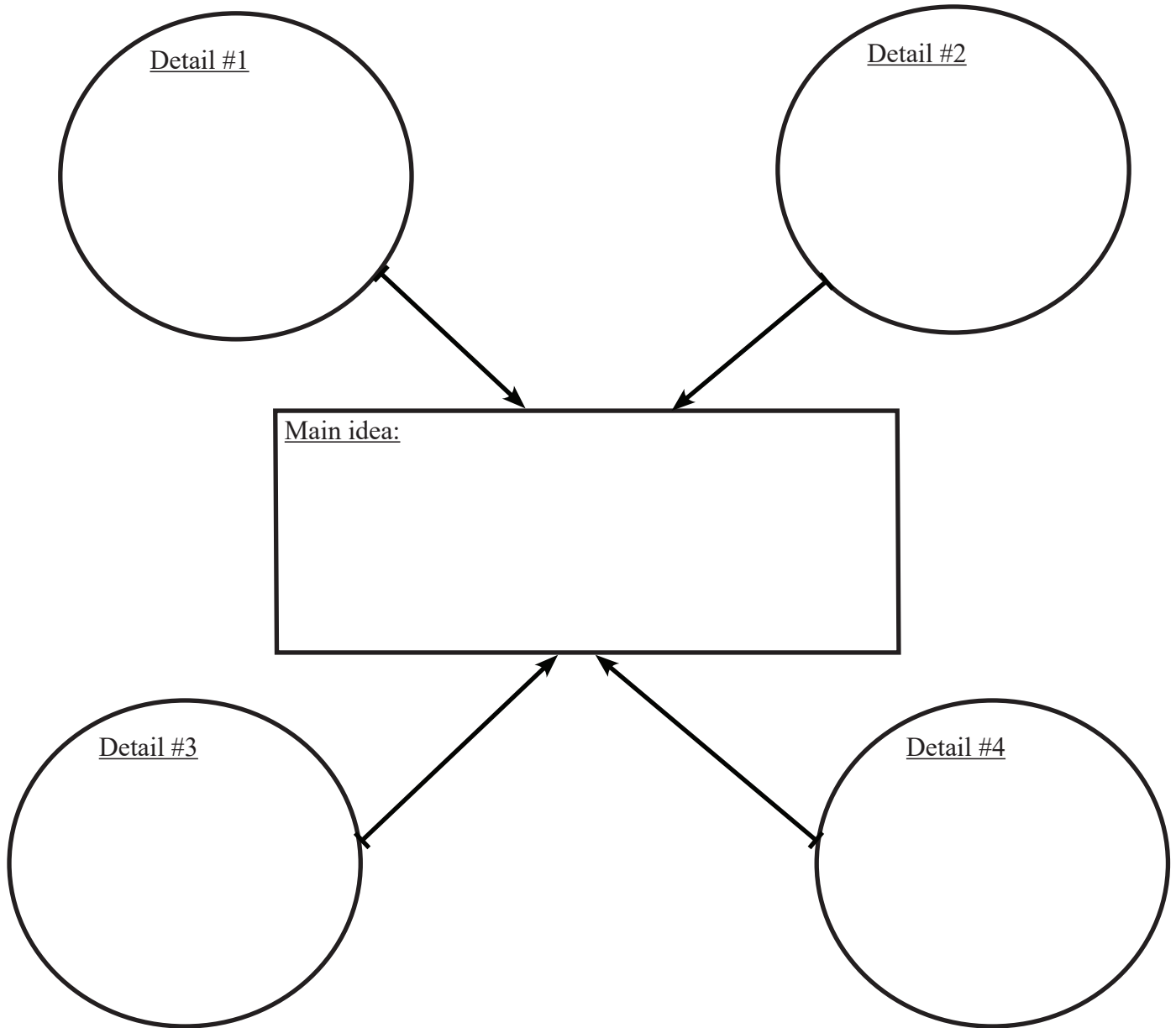




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March Enrichment Activities
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Ham lived his early life in an enclosure.	_____
Ham was launched into space from Cape Canaveral, Florida.	_____
The chimp's space capsule hurdled back into Earth's atmosphere and landed in the mountains.	_____



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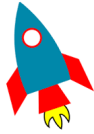
Answer Key



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Teachers: The main idea is below. Details can vary. Below are some pictures the students may choose to draw on their own, but ideas will vary.

Detail #1

Six other astronauts died in the explosion, too. The tragic crash happened only two minutes after take-off.



Detail #2

Jessica and Christina grew plants in space on this mission, including mustard greens. They conducted other experiments and investigations, too. They even played Scrabble!

Main Idea: Women are making history and setting records in space. Christa McAuliffe, who died in the Space Shuttle Challenger explosion, was the first civilian astronaut to go into space. Jessica Meir and Christina Koch made the first all-female spacewalk in 2019, and Christina broke the record for the longest spaceflight by a woman with her 328 day mission.



Detail #3

Christa was part of the Teacher in Space Project, a program President Ronald Reagan and NASA started in 1984. The chosen teacher had to train rigorously with NASA.



Detail #4

Christina's astronaut class was split equally between women and men, but overall there are more male astronauts than female.





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Ham lived his early life in an enclosure.	___F___
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