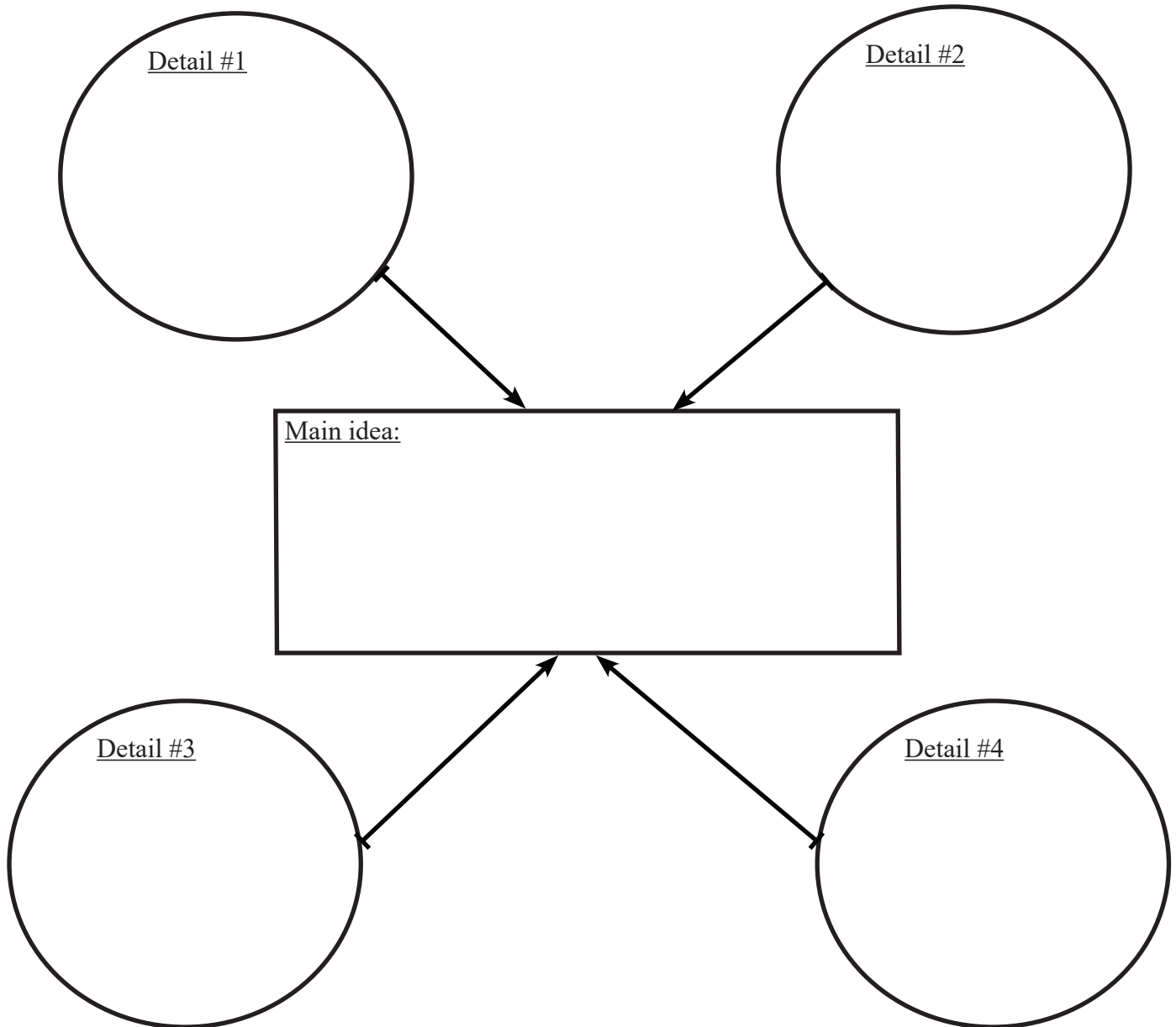




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Terms	Definitions
1. astronomer	The country where the _____ Telescope is being constructed
2. stargazing	The school connected with the _____ Observatory
3. McDonald Observatory	The distance from _____ to the moon
4. University of Texas at Austin	One of the biggest _____ telescopes in the _____, located at the McDonald Observatory
5. Giant Magellan Telescope	The hobby of watching and studying _____
6. Chile	Analyzing _____ from stars, galaxies and dark _____
7. Hobby-Eberly Telescope	One of the leading centers for astronomical _____ and _____ in the nation
8. spectroscopy	People who study the _____ for their _____
9. 250,000 miles	One of the largest _____ in the world, currently under _____.



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**Students:** After reading "Wildville," put the following events about Ham the chimp's life in the correct order from 1 to 8.

Events	Number in Order
Ham spent 16 minutes in space.	_____
He went to live at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C.	_____
Ham was captured in the wild.	_____
The chimp was moved to the North Carolina zoo, where he lived the remainder of his life.	_____
Ham went through space training with other chimpanzees.	_____
Ham was born. He lived his early life as a free chimp.	_____
Ham was launched into space from Cape Canaveral, Florida.	_____
The chimp's space capsule hurdled back into Earth's atmosphere and landed in the sea.	_____



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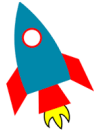
Answer Key



**Students:** Using “Connections,” complete the main idea and details graphic organizer below using information from the text. Draw illustrations to provide details. **Teachers:** The main idea is below. Details may 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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Terms	Definitions
1. astronomer	The country where the <u>Giant Magellan Telescope</u> is being constructed
2. stargazing	The school connected with the <u>McDonald Observatory</u>
3. McDonald Observatory	The distance from <u>Earth</u> to the moon
4. University of Texas at Austin	One of the biggest <u>optical</u> telescopes in the <u>World</u> , located at the McDonald Observatory
5. Giant Magellan Telescope	The hobby of watching and studying <u>stars</u>
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**Teachers:** The answers are below.

Events	Number in Order
Ham spent 16 minutes in space.	___5___
He went to live at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C.	___7___
Ham was captured in the wild.	___2___
The chimp was moved to the North Carolina zoo where he lived the remainder of his life.	___8___
Ham went through space training with other chimpanzees.	___3___
Ham was born. He lived his early life as a free chimp.	___1___
Ham was launched into space from Cape Canaveral, Florida.	___4___
The chimp's space capsule hurdled back into Earth's atmosphere and landed in the sea.	___6___