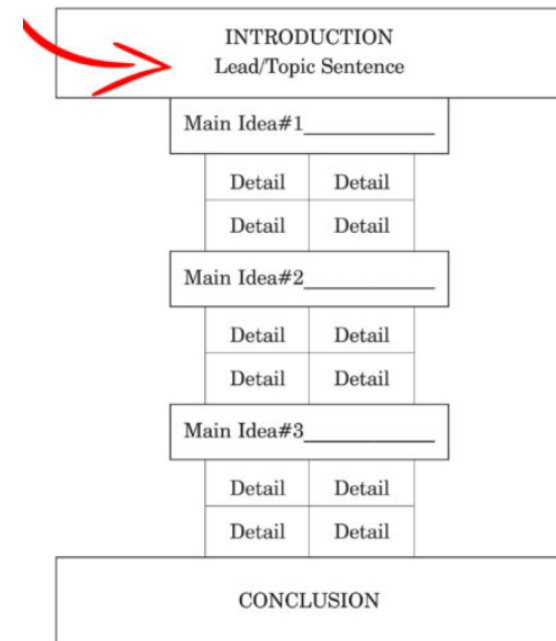


## Expository Student Sample

Do you know a creature who has a spiny tail and a hard brown hat? If you guessed the horseshoe crab you are right! Let's examine their appearance, investigate its habitat, and discover its history and the incredible facts that are waiting to be uncovered.

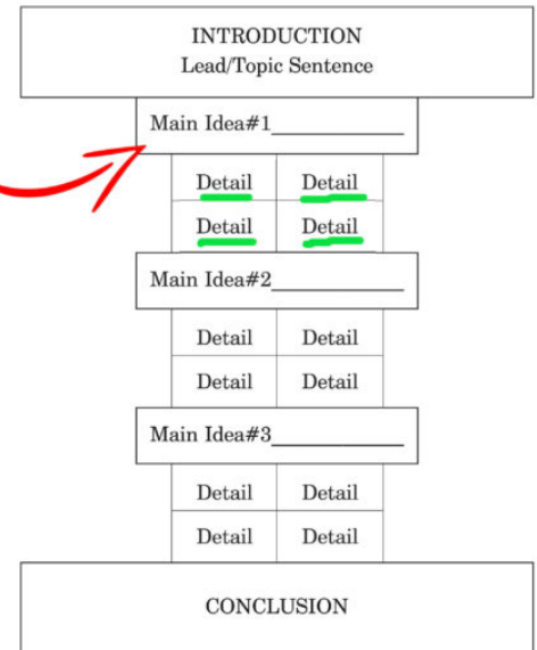
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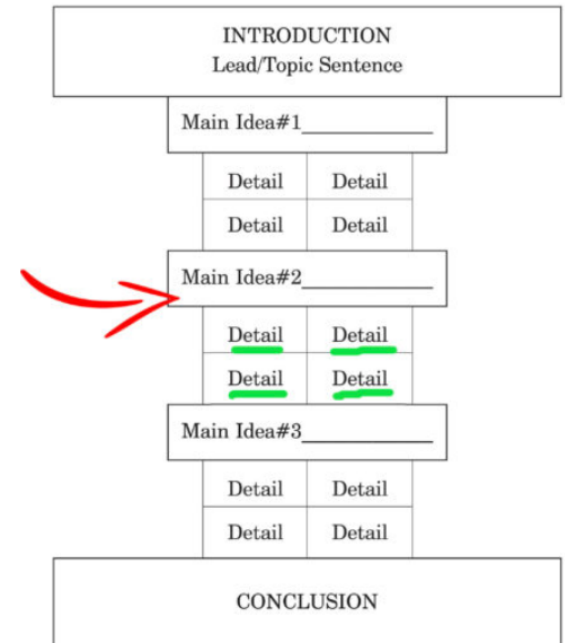
This amazing sea animal has a unique appearance. The horse shoe crab has a crusty, brown, hard, helmet shaped shell. The shell needs to be brown to blend in with the sand and to protect it from enemies. This sea shore dweller can weigh up to about 12 lbs <sup>and</sup> grow up to 2-3 feet long. Its long spiky tail helps it <sup>why is that important?</sup> steer and move. It also helps it flip right side up if it's upside-down.

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Where does the horse shoe crab live?<sup>3</sup>  
 In the salt water ocean and the sandy sea shore  
 of course. The tall grasses of the marshes  
 help the crustacean hide from predators there.  
 These invertebrates also live in the warm waters of the Asian-  
 Mexican seashores, I'll anecdote never forget the time  
 when I went to Mystic Aquarium to touch a  
 real live horse shoe crab in its manmade  
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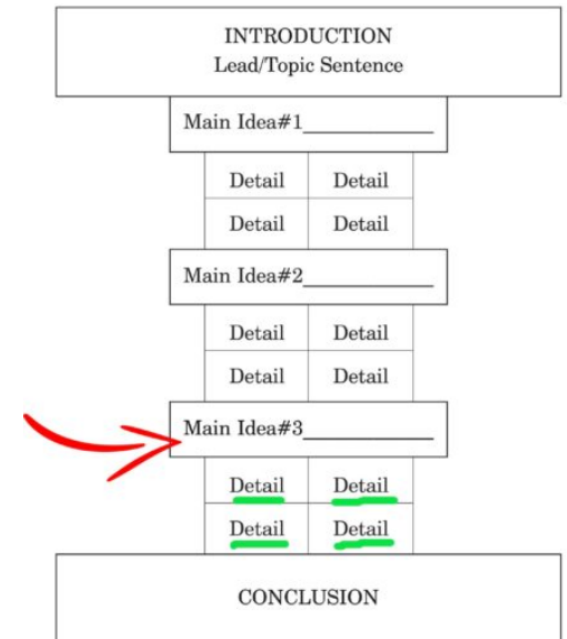
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Would you believe the many amazing facts about the spiky tailed creature? Can you believe that this seashore dweller lived 100 years before dinosaurs? Its relatives are the tick, scorpion, and spider, animals my mom certainly don't want in her house. Amazingly, this invertebrate can lay 20,000 eggs at one time. Gladly it doesn't need to take care of all these babies! You'll be shocked to learn that this amazing sea creature can swim upside-down.

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So when you are at the seashore be sure to look for a horseshoe crab. You'll recognize this beach dweller ~~with~~ <sup>by</sup> its unusual traits, identify its habitat, and study the invertebrates' history and incredible facts. It certainly is a amazing creature.  
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