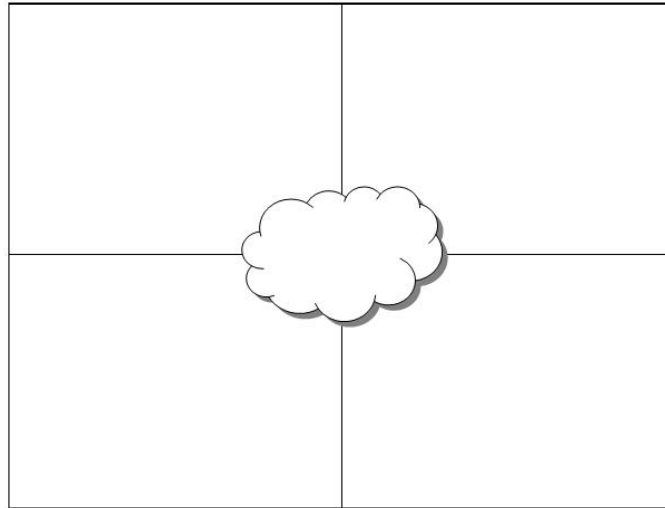


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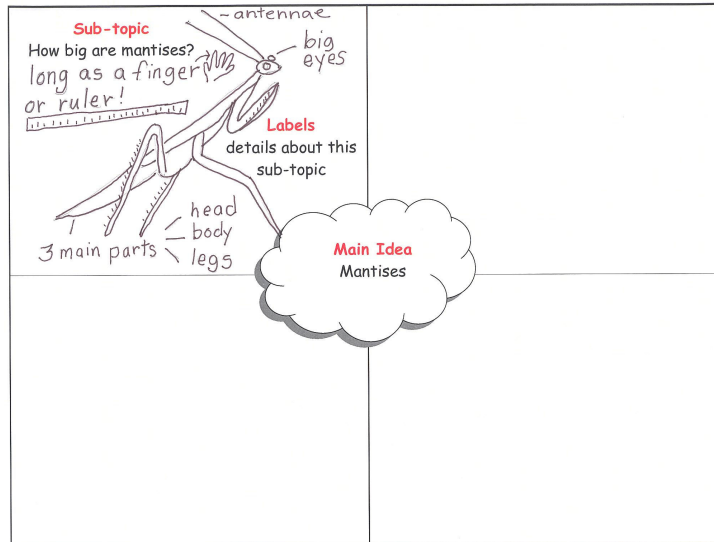


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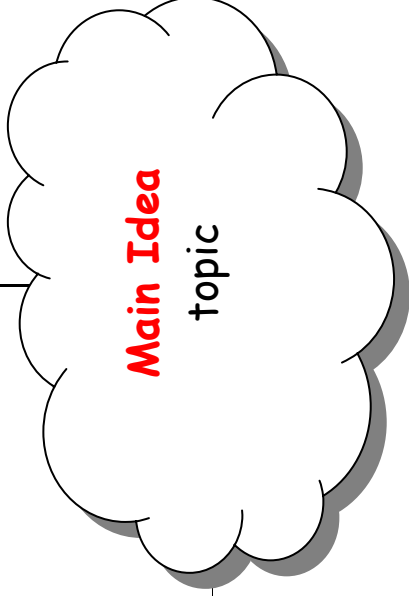
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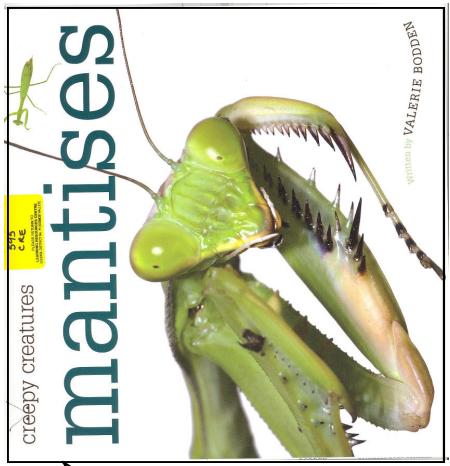
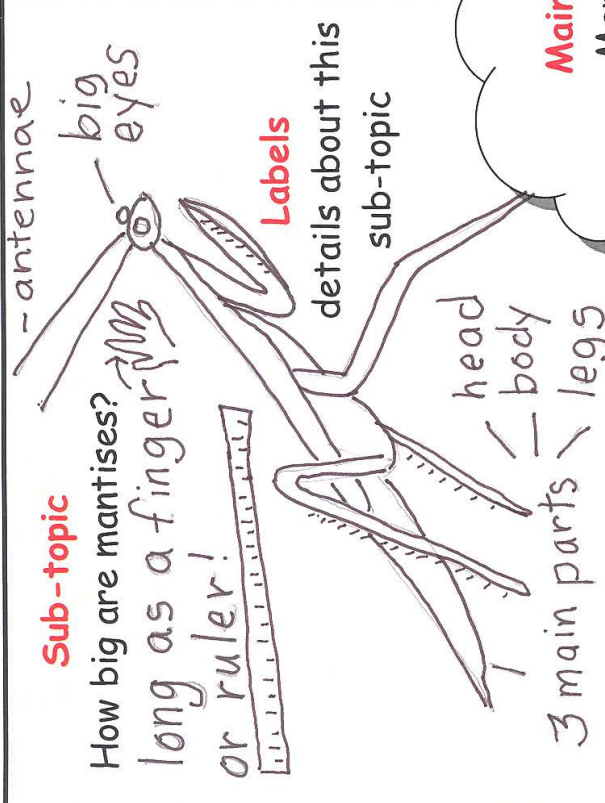
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Sub -topic

choose one paragraph or section

Labels
details about this sub-topic





Primary Example based on
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Mantises

