# Expository Text Organizer - Determining Importance and Summarizing

| Title: | **"The Unnatural Course of Time" by Daniel Briney (Holt p. 159)** | Topic: | Movie Review: Back to the Future | Grade Level: | 7 |
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**Important Details:**

-The "movie succeeds so magnificently in everything it sets out to do"
-it is "a thoughtful, beautifully crafted fantasy."
-it "maintains a joyous momentum from beginning to end."
-it is "an absolutely perfect motion picture."

**Main Idea:**

Daniel Briney gives the film a positive review by lauding it as an outstanding and exceptionally crafted motion picture

**Important Details:**

-personalities of the actors are crucial to the film's appeal
-the excellent comic and dramatic chemistry is also critical
-Fox and Lloyd both turn in outstanding performances

**Main Idea:**

The superb performances of the lead actors, along with their personalities and chemistry, contribute to the comedy and drama that makes the film so appealing.

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