Expository Text Organizer - Determining Importance and Summarizing

Title:	**"Creating a Wiki" (Holt Textbook p. 1044-1045)**	Topic:	Writing Workshop: Research	Grade Level:	7

Important Details:

-Focus on an interesting topic
-Include group planning documents
-Show proof of collaboration
-Use an appealing design
-Present information effectively

Main Idea:

Several notable traits are common to all wikis, and all contribute toward collaboration on a thoroughly researched and effectively presented site.

Important Details:

-Launch the project
-Assign research tasks
-Select a moderator
-Set up a schedule
-Build your wiki

Main Idea:

Wikis should be created through the use of several tasks which will, once completed, be enough to launch the site and have it running.

Important Details:

-Do the research
-Stay in touch with your team
-Create your pages
-Add links
-Go Graphic
-Review and Revise
-Design your homepage
-Invite your teacher and classmates to explore

Main Idea:

Once the wiki is off the ground, it should contain the information and design elements necessary for effective communication for visitors at your site.

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Summary:

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