**Article: The Chicken Family Tree Branches Out to Dinosaurs So Say Scientist**

**Lexile: 1110**

**Step One:** Read the Question or Prompt

Write a short paragraph that explains the central idea of the article. Use at least two details from the article to support your response.

**What is the central idea of the article? Give at least two details from the article to support your response.**

**Step Two:** Circle the unknown vocabulary words and underline important key words and phrases

What is the central idea of the article?

**Step Three:** Restate questions as a claim statement (leaving blanks)

The central idea of the article is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Step Four:** Complete close reading of passage (s)

(posters in room)

Number Paragraphs

Read through it once

What do students understand? -highlight another color

What is the verb of the paragraph? - highlight another color

What are words you do not know? - highlight another color

What is the focus (gist) - put on sticky note

**Step Five:** Brainstorm and organize your ideas and evidence

See Brainstorming handout from engage NY

**Step Six**: Complete your claim statement

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The central idea of this article is that chickens are a descendants of dinosaurs.

**Step Seven**: Write your response from evidence you have brainstormed and organized, strategically repeating key words from your claim statement throughout your writing

Handout/paper to have student write

**Step Eight:** Revise and Edit

See Rubric

**Step Nine:** Publish final Copy

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