

Lantern Launch Answer Key

1. Students at Ridgeview Middle School prepare for the annual lantern launch.
2. Mia designs the lanterns and her friends gather supplies and test paper shapes.
3. The students light their lanterns during the event and watch them float into the sky.

Teacher's Guide:

- **Differentiation Tips**

- Provide struggling writers with a frame such as At the beginning..., In the middle..., At the end....
- Allow students to highlight the beginning, middle, and end sections before writing summaries.
- Challenge advanced students to write a single three sentence summary that captures theme as well as events.

- **Engagement Ideas**

- Let students draw the lanterns as described in the passage to visualize events.
- Read the passage aloud and have students raise their hands when they think the beginning shifts to the middle.
- Compare two student summaries and discuss what makes a summary **clear** and **concise**.

- **Extension Activities**

- Ask students to write a new paragraph describing what happens after the lanterns rise.
- Have students build their own mini summary of a different text using three sentence structure.
- Turn the passage into a sequencing card activity with beginning, middle, and end events.