DETERMINING KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS

What’s the Story?

Use this skills sheet with the play “The Little Rock Nine.”

Play title: __________________________________________________________

1. What is the theme (main focus or idea) of the play? __________________________________________________________

2. Where and when did the play’s events take place? __________________________________________________________
   (a) Who is the play’s main character? __________________________________________________________

   (b) What happens to this character that starts the action of the play? __________________________________________________________

3. Summarize the action or events in the play. __________________________________________________________

4. What was the cause of a key incident or turning point in the play? __________________________________________________________

5. What was the most important effect of that event or incident? __________________________________________________________

Reflect How is reading a play about a time in history different from reading a textbook article about history? Does a play give you a different perspective of a time period or key players? Write a one- to two-paragraph response.