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Main Ideas

Directions: When looking for a main idea in a text, you need to consider what the text is *mostly* about. There are details in the text that can help you understand the main idea, but with many details, it can take time to identify this idea. Read closely and carefully.

MAIN IDEA Analysis Procedures:

1. Look at text features (graphics, headings, chapter titles, etc.)
2. Read and re-read the text.

The MAIN IDEA of this text is...

Detail #1 that supports the main idea:

Detail #2 that supports the main idea:

Detail #3 that supports the main idea: