

Main Idea is what the text is mostly about.

I use Main Idea when...

The author does not tell me what the "big idea" is.

Main Idea



When I identify the Main Idea, I...

- Think about what I **already know** about my topic.
- Draw a conclusion about **what the author wants me to know**.
- Think about the **important details** the author told me.
- **Put these things together** to get the main idea.

