

# Main Idea

*“Main Idea is the author’s most important ideas.”*

*“Main Idea is important because... It makes reading clear and helps me remember.*

*“I use Main Idea when... The author does not tell me what the “big idea” is.”*

*“When I identify the Main Idea, I...*

- Think about what I 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.”