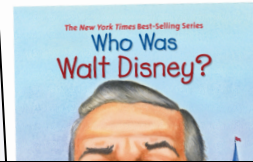


# MAIN IDEA & DETAILS

A **main idea** is the most important idea that the

# MAIN IDEA & DETAILS

For example:



The topic of this book is Walt Disney

# MAIN IDEA & DETAILS

**TOPIC:**

Titanic

**main idea:**

After the sinking of the Titanic, rules and laws have made ocean travel safer.

**SUPPORTING DETAILS:**

Ships are required to have enough lifeboats for all passengers onboard.

New laws require that someone is listening to the radio twenty-four hours per day.

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# MAIN IDEA & DETAILS

What are some differences between a **main idea** and a **TOPIC**?

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Nonfiction

## MAIN IDEA

Carefully read the text. An  
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I love to eat cotton candy when I go to the fair. It is almost entirely from sugar. Cotton candy is made when it becomes a liquid. The the sugar is heated and the sugar becomes solid again in the form of a ball. Operators twirl a stick or cone around the sugar strands into portions which you like sugar, you are going to love

What is the topic

Type

What is the main idea

Type

Nonfiction

## MAIN IDEA & DETAILS

Explain the term and where readers can find it in the text.

TOPIC

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MAIN IDEA

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## MAIN IDEA

Carefully read the text. What is the main idea? Write the answer below.

- What would you do with a long neck like a giraffe? A giraffe's long neck helps it survive. The long neck makes it possible for it to eat the leaves on the tallest trees that other animals can't get to. Being tall also helps the giraffe be able to see farther. This allows it to see predators before they have chances to attack. It can even use its neck as a weapon to fight off predators!
- The building of the Brooklyn Bridge was a very dangerous job. Many men actually died while working on the bridge. Some fell over 260 feet. Others drowned in the river. Fires that caused injuries. Lots of the workers got too deep while building the bottom of the bridge. People were scared and started running. A dozen crushed. Since then, we have learned how to make such safer.

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- Everyone knows that Abraham Lincoln was a president, but did you know that he had lots of other jobs? His first job was as a river boat trader. He brought goods down the river from Indiana to Louisiana. Then, Lincoln was a store clerk. He spent time being a lumberjack. Lincoln was a soldier for just three months. He was even a lawyer! Finally, before becoming president, Lincoln was a postmaster. Abraham Lincoln tried many different jobs before he became the 16<sup>th</sup> president.
- The United States Navy uses sea lions to help protect the coast. The Navy has been using these animals since the 1950s. Sea lions are used because they can hear well underwater, and are able to do many deep dives in the water. They also train the sea lions to be able to detect bombs and mines. The sea lions can also dive down and pick up trash that has been dropped in the water.

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## MATCHING

Carefully read the passage on the left. Then, match the topic, main ideas, and details from the right with the labels below.

George Washington served in the military. He first became a soldier for England during the French and Indian War in 1753. During one battle, Washington had two horses shot out from under him and four bullets shot through his coat, but he was never injured. Washington was put in command of all of the soldiers from Virginia, and this gave him experience in leading troops. In 1774, George Washington was given command of the entire Continental Army during the American Revolution. During this war, he was actually fighting against England. Washington moved his small army around a lot and made the British Army follow him. This made the war too costly for England and helped Washington be able to capture part of their army and successfully end the war.

In 1789, George Washington was unanimously elected to be the first President of the United States. As the first president, he spent much of his time creating the rules and procedures for the job of the president. He served for two terms and is the only president who did not live in the White House. It was not built during his presidency. Instead, he lived in New York City. After eight years, Washington stepped down because he didn't want to be seen as a king. He thought that it was best to have new leaders from time to time.

Topic

George Washington was the first President of the United States.

Paragraph 1  
Main Idea

George Washington was a soldier in the army.

Paragraph 1  
Detail

Paragraph 2  
Main Idea

George Washington was given command of the Continental Army.

Paragraph 2  
Detail



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## COLOR CODE

Read the passages below. Determine the main idea and drag the correct color from the right onto each passage.

Have you ever wondered where the National Football League (NFL) gets their footballs? All of the NFL footballs are made at a Wilson Sporting Goods factory in Ada, Ohio. The factory has 100 employees, and they are able to make 700,000 footballs every year. Each football is sewn by hand. The factory has been making the NFL's footballs since 1941.

Before each NFL game, the footballs are prepared according to NFL rules. Two hours and fifteen minutes before the game, both teams must bring twenty-four footballs to the officials for inspection. Each of the footballs must be made by Wilson Sporting Goods and are measured by the referees. Once balls are approved, they are stamped by the officials.

You might be surprised to learn just how many footballs are used during the Super Bowl. There are a total of 120 balls used- 108 game balls and 12 kicker balls. The Wilson Sporting Goods factory delivers 108 balls to each team 24 hours before the game. The teams use 54 of the footballs for practice, and the remaining 54 are game balls. Teams bring their game balls to the officials before the game.

Pigskin is the most common nickname for a football, but footballs are not made from pigskins. Professional and college footballs are made from cowhide leather. Youth footballs are usually made with synthetic materials or rubber. Even though pigskin is not used to make footballs, they are still referred to as pigskins because the original football was an inflated pig bladder.

### COLOR CODE

- The Wilson Sporting Goods factory makes footballs used by the NFL.
- There are 120 footballs used in a Super Bowl game. Color ORANGE.
- Footballs are not made from pigskins. Color GREEN.
- Before an NFL game, footballs must have 12 holes punched in them. Color BLUE.

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## DETAIL SORT

Match the main ideas with the two detail cards from the right that support the main idea.

	MAIN IDEA	DETAIL	DETAIL
1.	Plants make their own food in a process called photosynthesis.		
2.	Every plant starts as a seed.	I. The seed is the home for the baby plant until it sprouts.	
3.	The roots are a very important part of a plant.		
4.	Without flowers, we wouldn't have seeds.		
5.	The stem has three important jobs.	B. The stem brings water from the roots to the leaves and the flower.	F. The stem holds the plant up so that it does not just lay on the ground.



# Five Interactive Digital Reading Centers

# THE LESSER OF TWO EELS

Main Idea & Details

## The Lesser of Two Eels

Read the story below and answer the questions.

\* Required

Email address \*

Your email

Name: \*

Your answer

### The Lesser of Two Eels

You might think that if you've seen one kind of eel, you know all eels. For example, consider the moray eel and the snipe eel. They are both eels, but they are very different.

All eels are known for their long snake-like bodies, but moray eels can grow as long as fifteen feet. They can change their color to camouflage with their surroundings. A moray eel's skin resembles a snapped rubber band. They also have long, pointed snouts like snipe birds. That's where they get their name!

# ANTARCTIC DESERT

Main Idea & Details - Non-Fiction

## Antarctic Desert

Read the story below and answer the questions.

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Email address \*

Your email

Name: \*

Your answer

### Antarctic Desert

When we picture the desert, we usually picture a hot climate with a sandy landscape. However, this is not always true for all deserts. Most people would be very surprised to learn that Antarctica is a desert.

Even though Antarctica is cold, it is still a desert because it is dry. One characteristic of a desert is that it receives less than 10 inches of rain per year. The average rainfall in Antarctica (which always comes in the form of snow) is about six and a half inches per year.

The cold temperatures and lack of rain make it almost impossible for plants to grow in Antarctica. That it supports very little life is another characteristic to make Antarctica a desert. In fact, fungus and moss are

# FRANCIS DRAKE

Main Idea & Details - Nonfiction

Questions.

and pirate. A pirate is a person who attacks and robs ships. Queen Elizabeth I was an English queen who captured Spanish ships and stole their gold.

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# Three Google Form Assessments