



Main Topic Identification

Today's Standard

2.RI.2 - Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text.

| Cues | Notes |
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| What is the main topic? | The main topic is the central idea of a multiparagraph text. |
| How to identify the main topic? | Look for repeated ideas or phrases to identify the main topic. |
| What is the focus of a paragraph? | The focus of a paragraph is the specific idea or point discussed in that paragraph. |
| Why is identifying the main topic important? | Identifying the main topic helps in understanding and summarizing texts. |
| Common misconceptions | Misconceptions include confusing main topics with details and thinking the first sentence always states the main topic. |

Summary

Understanding the main topic and paragraph focus is crucial for text comprehension. Students should learn to identify repeated ideas and read entire paragraphs to determine the main topic.