



Main Idea and Key Details

Today's Standard

4.RI.2 - Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.

Cues	Notes
What is the main idea?	The main idea is the central point or message of a text.
How do key details support the main idea?	Key details are pieces of information that support and explain the main idea.
What is the difference between the topic and the main idea?	The topic is what the text is about, while the main idea is what the author wants to convey about the topic.
Why is summarizing important?	Summarizing helps to condense information and understand the text better.

Summary

Understanding the main idea and supporting details helps in comprehending and summarizing informational texts effectively.