

Main Idea

To find the main idea, I have to draw conclusions or “read between the lines.”



The main idea is the author’s most important point.

I use Main Idea when the author doesn’t tell me the “big idea.”

A closer look:

Drawing Conclusions

Combine these things...

1. What I know
2. What the author told me to draw a conclusion about the author’s intentions.

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
- Ask myself, what would the author say is most important?
- Put this all together to get the **MAIN IDEA**

