

# Determining important ideas

What is the big idea?

# Read a chapter in your book.

- What is the main thing the author is trying to tell you?
- Add it into the first box on your worksheet.

## ASKING ALL AGENTS!

How do you know  
what the author is  
trying to tell you?

Main Idea

Supporting detail

Supporting detail

Supporting detail

Summary

# Think about the important idea in your chapter.

- What extra details surround the important idea?
- Find three examples and write them in the middle boxes on your worksheet.



Main Idea		
Supporting detail	Supporting detail	Supporting detail
Summary		

# Think about the chapter as a whole.

- How could you summarise the whole chapter in a sentence or two?
- Fill out the last box

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Are there any similarities between the boxes?

Main Idea

Supporting detail

Supporting detail

Supporting detail

Summary

# Look at the boxes you have filled out.

- How does finding the important ideas in a text help you to understand the author's purpose for writing?

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Does finding the important ideas help you to summarise the text?

- Now use the boxes to outline your own text creation!