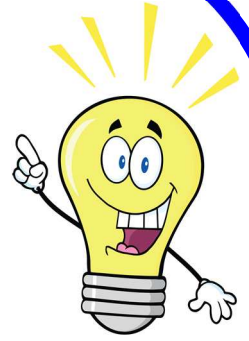


Main Idea



The Most Important Information

In a paragraph, the main idea may be in the first or last sentence.

In an entire passage, it can be found in the first or last paragraph.

To Find the Main Idea:

1. Read the title and subtitles.
2. Examine the graphs, boxes, illustrations, and diagrams.
3. Keep in mind that repeated words can be keywords. Pay attention to them.
4. Ask specific questions such as: who or what is being discussed or what happened and why did it happen?