“Main Idea” might be referred to as...

- Main Idea
- Main Idea Statement
- Most Important Idea
- Central Idea
- Central Thought
- Author’s Message
- Theme
- Thesis
- Author’s Purpose
- Writer’s Purpose

The writer believes/thinks that...
The author’s purpose for writing this passage is...
The tone of this passage can best be described as...

What it this passage mostly about?
What’s another title that would fit this passage?
Why did the author probably write this passage?
Which sentence best describes the author’s purpose?
Which sentence helps convey the mood of the text?