**Main? Idea?**
*Defining Main Idea*

**Main [adjective]**
- the most important thing
- for the most part; in the greatest part
- first in rank or importance

*Synonyms: cardinal, capital, leading, chief, principal*

**Idea [noun]**
- a notion formed by generalization
- a belief or controlling principle

*Synonyms: notion; thought; sentiment; impression; view*

**Main Idea is....**
- the most important thought
- the greatest sentiment
- a generalization that’s first in rank or importance
- the leading impression
- the chief notion
- the principal view