Main-Idea Song Titles

“A Change is Gonna Come,” Sam Cooke
“A Cowboy’s Born with a Broken Heart,” Boy Howdy
“A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes,” Carpenters
“All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth,” Spike Jones
“The Day Texas Sank to the Bottom of the Sea,” Micah P. Hinson
“The Devil Went Down to Georgia,” Charlie Daniels
“The Groom’s Still Waiting at the Altar,” Bob Dylan
“The Night Santa Went Crazy,” Weird Al Yankovic
“The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia,” Reba McEntire
“The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down,” Joan Baez
“The World Was a Mess But His Hair Was Perfect,” The Rakes
“There’s a New Kid in Town,” Kathy Mattea
“Leaving on a Jet Plane,” Peter, Paul, and Mary
“Santa Claus is Coming to Town,” (traditional Christmas song)
“Saturday Night’s Alright for Fighting,” Elton John
“She’ll Be Coming ‘Round the Mountain,” (traditional Christmas song)
“She’s Gone,” Eric Clapton
“She Thinks My Tractor’s Sexy,” Kenny Chesney
## Topic vs. Main Idea

### Picture Book Main Ideas Sorted by Topic

#### Topic—School
- *Jake’s 100th Day*, Lester Laminack
- *First Day Jitters*, Julie Dannenberg
- *This School Year Will Be the BEST!*, Kay Winters

#### Topic—Losing a Tooth
- *Trevor’s Wiggly-Wobbly Tooth*, Lester Laminack
- *Throw Your Tooth on the Roof: Tooth Traditions from Around the World*, Selby Beeler
- *I Lost My Tooth in Africa*, Penda Diakité
- *Harry’s Problem...First Loose Tooth*, Anne B. Tobias and Tom Tobias
- *My Tooth is Loose!*, Martin Silverman

#### Topic—Books
- *Miss Brooks Loves Books (and I Don’t)*, Barbara Bottner
- *Dog Loves Books*, Louise Yates
- *We Are in a Book!*, Mo Willems
- *The Incredible Book-Eating Boy*, Oliver Jeffers

#### Topic—Vacation
- *Arthur’s Family Vacation*, Marc Brown
- *Curious George—Takes a Vacation and Discovers New Things*, H. A. Rey and Margaret Rey
- *The Berenstain Bears Go on Vacation*, Stan Berenstain, Mike Berenstain, and Jan Berenstain
- *The Berenstain Bears and Too Much Vacation*, Stan Berenstain and Jan Berenstain

#### Topic—Family
- *A Chair for My Mother*, Vera B. Williams
- *The Relatives Came*, Cynthia Rylant
- *In Our Mother’s House*, Patricia Polacco
- *Ma Dear’s Aprons*, Patricia McKissack
- *My Mama Had a Dancing Heart*, Libba Moore Gray
- *My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother*, Patricia Polacco
- *The Day I Swapped my Dad for Two Goldfish, Neil Gaiman

#### Topic—Immigration to America
- *When Jessie Came Across the Sea*, Amy Hest
- *If Your Name Was Changed on Ellis Island*, Ellen Levine
- *At Ellis Island: A History in Many Voices*, Louise Peacock
- *I Was Dreaming to Come to America: Memories from the Ellis Island Oral History Project*, Veronica Lawlor

#### Topic—Homelessness
- *We Are All in the Dumps with Jack and Guy: Two Nursery Rhymes with Pictures*, Maurice Sendak
- *A Shelter in Our Car*, Monica Gunning
- *Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen*, DyAnne DiSalvo
- *Who Are Homeless People?: A Drawing Book of Stories for Children*, Daniel Keeran
- *Lives Turned Upside Down: Homeless Children in Their Own Words and Photographs*, Jim Hubbard

#### Topic—Civil Rights Movement
- *Martin’s Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*, Doreen Rappaport
- *Remember: The Journey to School Integration*, Toni Morrison
- *Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the front lines of the Civil Rights Movement*, Ann Bausum
- *National Civil Rights Museum Celebrates Everyday People*, Alice Faye Dunkin

#### Topic—Holocaust
- *Benno and the Night of Broken Glass*, Meg Wiviott
- *Luba: The Angel of Bergen-Belsen*, Michelle R. McCann
- *The Yellow Star: The Legend of King Christian X of Denmark*, Carmen Agra Deedy
- *Terrible Things: An Allegory of the Holocaust*, Eve Bunting
- *Always Remember Me: How one Family Survived World War II*, Marisabina Russ