

# Reading for the Main Idea



**“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 is 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?