Key Vocabulary for Main Idea and Details in a Nonfiction Text:

- main idea
- point/message
- topic sentence
- title
- mainly
- primarily
- addresses
- focuses on
- details
- support/supporting
- examples of
- reasons for

Key Vocabulary for Referring to a Nonfiction Text:

- paragraph
- section
- chapter
- article
- reading selection
- selection
- text
- report
- informational text
- nonfiction text

Q & A for Main Idea and Supporting Details

Q: What is the topic of this article/report/paragraph/section?
   A: The topic of this ________________ is ________________.

Q: What is this paragraph/section/selection/article/report mainly about?
   A: It is mainly about ________________.
   A: This ________________ focuses on ________________.
   A: This ________________ is primarily about ________________.
   A: This ________________ addresses the topic of/reasons for __________.

Q: What is the author’s main idea/point?
   A: The author’s main idea/point is that ________________.

Q: What is/are the most important detail(s) in this paragraph/section?
   A: One important detail in this paragraph/section is ________________.
   A: An essential detail in this paragraph/section is ________________.
   A: Another significant detail in this paragraph/section is ________________.
   A: The most critical/vital detail in this paragraph/section is ____________.
   A: An interesting but nonessential detail in this paragraph/section is ___.