

Main Idea With Supporting Details Organizer

Instructions: Read the text and find the main idea. Then find three supporting details: (1) an explanation, (2) a description, and (3) a proof. In the space provided, write the main idea (one to two sentences) and three supporting details.

Main Idea (What the author is writing about)	
Supporting Details (Information that explains, describes, or proves the main idea)	
Give an example of an explanation in your text. (Look for key words such as <i>after all</i> , <i>for example</i> , or <i>in other words</i> .)	
Give an example of a description in your text. (Look for key words such as <i>identify</i> , <i>portray</i> , or <i>depict</i> .)	
Give an example of a proof in your text. (Look for key words such as <i>because</i> , <i>as a result</i> , or <i>due to</i> .)	
List additional key words that helped you identify explanation, description, and proof.	