Sixth Grade (Grade 6) Main Idea Worksheets

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The main idea is usually located in what part of a passage?

1. Beginning
2. Middle
3. End
4. Title

I've included the original short story. What did the author do to expand it into the novel?

1. To make Spaz
2. Make an adventure
3. To make the novel interesting
4. Added More Characters and made Eden

Each year experts study the movie habits of Americans. The study shows some interesting facts. For example, did you know that young people go to more movies than any other age group? Almost one half of all Americans are over 35. But people under 35 go to the movies more than any age group. This explains the big success of movies about young people.

What is this story mainly about?

1. Movie habits of young people in America
2. Movie habits of Americans
3. Why young people like movies
4. Why the smallest group of moviegoers is over 35
Describe what the Main Idea is? Points to also think of answering: What is the purpose or importance? What are details? What do they do? What are some words used when thinking of the main idea? -BE AS DETAILED AS POSSIBLE-

- Answers will vary, but should all have the same idea.
  Looking for something like:
  Main idea is the point a writer or speaker is trying to make about a subject. Main idea helps you decide what is important. Details are the smaller part that add up to the main idea or "bigger picture", describing what the point is about. Words we have talked about using are: purpose, importance, objective, about, etc. Writer's use main idea and details to form a powerful thought, as in stories, responding to a thought or quote, etc.

**Grade 6 :: Main Idea** bymferrero

The people of ancient Egypt created an advanced civilization. More than 6,000 years ago, they developed a calendar with 360 days divided into 12 months. The people made paper and learned how to write. They also built huge monuments with machines they invented.

What is this story mainly about?

1. How people in Egypt made paper.
2. The creation of an advanced civilization in Egypt.
3. How the people in Egypt built huge monuments.
4. Where an ancient calendar was developed.

**Grade 6 :: Main Idea** by masonkl

Where is the main idea usually found in a paragraph?

1. in the last sentence
2. in the first word
3. in the second sentence
4. in the first sentence

**Grade 6 :: Main Idea** bymferrero

You can learn much about people by simply watching or talking to them. Looking at the floor can also give you information about people. You can tell where people walk most frequently because of the worn carpet. The next time you're riding in someone's car, notice the music on the radio. The kind of music played on the radio station can tell much about that person.

Choose an appropriate topic sentence for this paragraph:

1. There are many ways to learn where people walk.
2. There are many ways to learn about people.
3. There are many ways to listen to the radio.
4. There are many ways to watch people.

During the Revolutionary War, a Yankee invented a submarine called the Turtle. A number of years later, Robert Fulton became interested in undersea craft. In 1800, he built the Nautilus. Then, during the American Civil War, another underwater craft was built.

Choose an appropriate topic sentence for this paragraph:

1. For many years man tried to find ways to travel underwater.
2. For many years Robert Fulton was interested in undersea craft.
3. Underwater crafts were very important during American Civil War.
4. For many years man tried many ways to win the Revolutionary War.

Corn was first grown by Native Americans. They showed the pilgrims how to grow corn as food. At one time corn was used as money by pioneers. Corn is used as feed for farm animals. People also eat it as a vegetable. Oil, starch, and sugar can be made from corn. Corn is also important in industry. Medicine, paper, fertilizer, and glue can be made from corn and corn products.

Choose an appropriate topic sentence for this paragraph:

1. Native Americans were the first to grow corn.
2. Corn was used as money.
3. Many kinds of animals eat corn.
4. Do you know how important corn is?

North Carolina police may use germs to catch bank thieves. Important papers can be sprayed with harmless germs that will stick to the hands of anyone who touches the paper. If a dishonest employee steals the papers, things that he or she touches later will have the germs on them. A scientist can show that the person leaving the germs got them when stealing the treated papers.

What is this story mainly about?

1. How some germs are harmless to people
2. How dishonest employees steal important papers
3. How important papers are treated
4. How police use germs to solve crimes

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