

Focus on Details and Find the Main Ideas

THIS STRATEGY HELPS YOU ... discover the main ideas in informational books or articles by first thinking about the important details.

Title and Author of Book _____

Directions:

1. Find three key details that can help you figure out the main idea and write them below. Details can come from a chapter or from one or two sections of an article.

DETAIL 1

DETAIL 2

DETAIL 3

2. Reread your details. Think of the main points or ideas the author is making by including these details. Write one or two main ideas here.