International School of Monterrey

Reading Comprehension

___th Grade
Trimester ___

Name _____ Date _____ List #: ____-____

The **main idea** *tells what a story or paragraph is mostly about.*

Read the letter. Then choose the main idea of each paragraph.

Dear Kelly,

Greetings from New York City! Yesterday we visited Central Park, one of the biggest city parks I have ever seen. It is over one-half mile wide and two and one-half miles long with so much to do. We took a carriage ride through the park and even rowed a boat out on one of the park's lakes. My mom loved looking at all the sculptures in the park. Dad enjoyed the free classical music concert in one of the small pavilions. My brother and I liked the zoo most of all. It was small but had some neat animals. Our guide said the Central Park Zoo is the oldest zoo in the United States.

In the afternoon, we took a ferry to see the famous Statue of Liberty that stands in New York Harbor. Our guide said this 151-foot copper statue was given to the United States by France in 1884 to represent the friendship and freedom both countries share. The tour guide told us that between 1820 and 1937, more than 37 million people came to the United States and were greeted by this statue as they entered our country at Ellis Island. For them it represented the freedom and opportunity they would find in our country. Dad said my own grandparents came to this country through Ellis Island and often spoke of how excited they were to be greeted by "Miss Liberty." Seeing the Statue of Liberty made me so proud of our country and the freedom we have.

Well, I better run. We are going to try to see a Broadway play. See you soon.

Love,
Christie

_____ **1. Paragraph 1**

- **a. Central Park has activities for visitors of all ages and interests.**
- **b. New York is an incredible city.**
- **c. The Central Park Zoo is the oldest zoo in the United States.**

_____ **2. Paragraph 2**

- **a. The 151-foot Statue of Liberty is impressive.**
- **b. Immigrants came to this country searching for freedom.**
- **c. The Statue of Liberty is a symbol of freedom, opportunity, and friendship.**

3. What does the Main Idea tell?

The Main Idea _____.

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