



Reading Comprehension

- Main Idea** What is the passage mainly about?
 - why demand for sugar continues to increase
 - places where sugarcane was important in the past
 - the process of making sugarcane juice into sugar crystals
 - how sugar has changed from a simple plant into a global industry
- Purpose** The main purpose of the first paragraph is to
 - describe the uses of sugarcane juice
 - explain how sugar spread beyond Asia
 - show how trade routes connected Europe and Asia
 - introduce some of the inventions of ancient India
- Vocabulary** The word **Running** in the passage is closest in meaning to
 - Managing
 - Moving
 - Growing
 - Producing
- Detail** Why were the Caribbean islands good places for sugarcane production?
 - The cost of labor was lower there than in Europe.
 - They were connected to Africa by trade routes.
 - The weather was ideal for growing the plant.
 - More European colonists were there than anywhere else.
- Detail** Which is NOT mentioned as a key event in the development of sugar?
 - the discovery that it could be made into crystals
 - the creation of mass-production techniques
 - the drop in its price
 - the invention of a method for collecting sugarcane juice
- Inference** What can be inferred about sugar before the 18th century?
 - Its cost was not very high.
 - It was not in very high demand.
 - Most people did not like the taste of it.
 - It did not grow well in the Caribbean islands.

Graphic Organizer & Summary

Step 1 Fill in the blanks to best describe the main text.

