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READING COMPREHENSION - 6
MAIN IDEA AND SUPPORTING DETAILS
PRACTICE WORKSHEET

The main idea of a story or an article is the most important idea about the topic - the point the writer wants you to understand and remember. In some paragraphs and articles, the main idea is stated in a topic sentence. The topic sentence often, but not always, appears at the beginning of a piece of writing. When you know the main idea, you are much more likely to remember what you have read.

The supporting details in a paragraph or article are sentences that tell about or support the main idea. Supporting details are small pieces of information that help you better understand the main idea.

Read the paragraph. As you read, look for the main idea.

The King Arthur legends are often remembered for their large cast of memorable characters. First is Arthur himself. He was the wide, brave ruler of the Knights of the Round Table. His beautiful queen. Guinevere, is also a favorite of many people. The daughter of a king, she helped Arthur to rule Camelot. Of course, the Arthur legends would not be complete without the brave knights themselves. These noble men give the legends such great heroic characters as Lancelot, who was famous for his skill in combat. Another famous knight, Gawain, was known for his great courtesy.

Choose the sentence that is the main idea of this paragraph.

(A) The King Arthur legends are often remembered for their large cast of memorable characters.

(B) First is Arthur himself.

(C) Of course, the Arthur legends would not be complete without the brave knights themselves.