Practice Reading "The Rights of Children"

1. Read the following passages from the reading "The Rights of Children" and choose the main idea according to the supporting details that are underlined.

Paragraph	Main Idea
In some places, children do not have access to health care they need. Some governments and organizations are making sure they get it. They believe children have the right to a healthy life.	**Education offers more choices.** **The CRC says children have seven rights.** **Everyone should have health care.** **The United Nations stands up for children's rights.**
In 1948, the United Nations created a Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It listed all the rights that each human being deserves. However, they realized they had to provide special protection for children. In 1989, many members of the United Nations signed the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). These rights are for children under eighteen years old.	**The United Nations stands up for the children's rights.** **Everyone should have health care.** **The CRC says children have seven rights.** **Education offers more choices.**

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Most people agree that children have rights. All children should have access to food, water, shelter, clothing, education, health care and play. You probably don't think about these rights very much. It's easy to eat a snack when you're hungry and drink clean water when you're thirsty. You have home and clothes to wear. You go to school. You take medicine when you're sick. You enjoy playing with your friends. But all over the world, there are other children who don't have those rights. They have to grow up too early. Some have to leave school to earn money for their families. Others have to get married because the family cannot feed and clothe them.	**They have to work to pay for food.** **Some children don't have rights.** **They need food and water.** **They have to get married when they are young.**
These are some of the special rights all children have, according to the CRC: • The right to a safe and healthy life • The right to education • The right to protection from harmful work • The right to a family • The right to protection during war • The right to express their opinions • The right to equal treatment	**Everyone should have health care.** **The CRC says children have seven rights.** **The United Nations stands up for children's rights.** **Education offers more choices.**

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Children who have access to food, clean water, health care and education have a better chance at a good life. They will be able to find jobs when they are older. They will be able to take care of themselves. They will be able to help their families. They will have more choices. But some children do not have good access to food, clean water, health care, or education. They must walk many kilometers to get water. A doctor or school may even be father away. They may not be able to afford the food, health care and education they need.	**They have to get married when they are young.** **Some children don't have rights.** **They need food and water.** **They have to work to pay for food.**
In some countries, girls do not always have the same access to education than boys do. When a girl gets married, her parents do not have to provide food or clothing for her anymore. Her husband provides these things. For this reason, families who cannot pay for their families may make their daughters get married at young age. After these girls are married, they do not have time for school. They must take care of their husbands, and soon they will have children to take care of too.	**They have to get married when they are young.** **Some children don't have rights.** **They have to work to pay for food.** **They need food and water.**

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