FINDING MAIN TOPICS

- Before you can group facts and ideas, you need to know the MAIN TOPIC.
- In the table below are TOPIC SENTENCES. Read each one carefully.
- Look at the list of TOPICS at the bottom of the page. Drag each topic to the empty box next to the sentence it matches.
- Note: There are two topics you do not need.

The Hawaiian Islands are made up of eight large islands and many smaller ones.	
There are several kinds of plants that eat insects.	
The orange first grew and was eaten in China thousands of years ago.	
Dogs have appeared in artwork from early cave paintings to modern art.	
Migration is the regular, seasonal movement from one part of the world to another by a group of animals.	
The natives of Hawaii are happy, friendly people who are proud of the history of their islands.	
The first doughnuts with holes were made by a 15-year-old boy named Hanson Crockett.	
In the rain forests of Sumatra grows a very strange plant, called *rafflesia*.	

Topics:

Animal migration	**Doughnuts**
Citrus fruits	**Growing plants**
Insect-eating plants	**The rafflesia**
Hawaiian Islands	**People of Hawaii**
Dogs in art	**History of the orange**

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- Read each of the sentences, below.
- Decide what the MAIN TOPIC is.
- Type the main topic in the box next to each sentence.

Sentence	Main Topic
A tundra is a cold, bare land area where the winters are very long and summer is very short.	
Many people think the game of gold started in Scotland, but there is no proof that it began there.	
When bacteria enter a cut, they can cause a disease known as *tetanus*.	
The umbrella is so old that no one really knows where it came from or when it was invented.	
Insects are very nutritious, and people in some parts of the world actually eat them.	
Americans celebrate Columbus Day to honor the man who discovered America.	
Earthworms are one of the most important creatures to man.	
When cars were first made, they were put together by small groups of workers and took weeks to complete.	