Reading Comprehension

Main Idea & Supporting Details

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

Other sentences in the paragraph or a story that tell more about the main idea are called **supporting details.**

Read the passage below carefully. Then complete the graphic organizer below.

The first people to come to our country were the Lucayans. They spoke the Arawak language, and came from South America. The Lucayans were not very tall and painted their faces with bright colours. This was important to their religious beliefs. They did not wear clothes and live in small settlement near the sea. Their houses were made from tree branches, dried grass and leaves to make the roof. They slept in hammocks made from wild cotton. The Lucayan hunt, fish, and collect fruits from the trees for food. Their crops were yam, cassava, sweet potato and corn. They also like to eat iguanas, hutia and turtles. Pepper pot soup was their favorite meal. They were a peaceful people.

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