THE CENTRAL IDEA OF THE TEXT

How do I determine the central idea of a text?

Topic + the main point the text makes about the topic = Central Idea

Here are questions to help check the Central Idea:

A. Does the central idea **make a point** about the topic?
B. Does the central idea **cover the whole selection** and not just one detail or event? C. Are there at least **three strong supporting details** to support this central idea? D. Is the central idea **too specific** so it doesn't allow the reader to apply the central idea to his/her life? E. What point do the **key details repeat** and add up to?
F. Is the central idea **something useful** that can help you to think or act in the world?

1. **In Chapter , the central idea was**

2. **Identify the writing strategy (literary element or literary technique) that the author used to develop the above central idea.** Examples include: characterization, conflict, metaphor, simile, irony, language use, setting, structure, symbolism, tone, etc.

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3. **Identify two examples of the above writing strategy that helped the author develop the above central idea.** (Make sure you put "" around the quotes.)
   a.

   b.

4. **Explain how each of those specific examples of the writing strategy help prove the central idea.**
   a.

   b.

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