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# Issue: REBUILDING IRAQ

## What's the Big Idea?

A main idea is the most important message in a story. A detail is a fact or argument that supports the main idea. Can you identify the main ideas of the stories in this online issue? Read the Special Report about Iraq, then complete the worksheet.

1. Review the article about the new Iraqi government. The main idea of this article is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Two details from the story that support this main idea are:

a. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Review the article about Iraqi people getting back to work. The main idea of this article is: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Two details from the story that support this main idea are: \_\_\_\_\_

a. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

3. Review a third article that you found interesting. Its title is \_\_\_\_\_.

The main idea of this article is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Two details from the story that support this main idea are:

a. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

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