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**SPECIAL REPORT: Iraq's New Beginning**

# What's the Big 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 what is happening to Saddam Hussein.**

■ The main idea of this article is:

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

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

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

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**2. Review the article about oil and Iraq's economy.**

■ The main idea of this article is:

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

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

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

● A main idea is the most important message in a story.

● A detail is a fact or argument that supports the main idea.

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