



Scholastic News Online/News In-Depth Issue: 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 News In-depth about Iraq, then complete the worksheet.

1. Review the article about weapons of mass destruction. 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 the anti-war movement. The main idea of this article is:

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

a. _____

b. _____

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. _____
