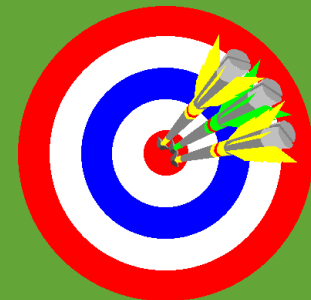
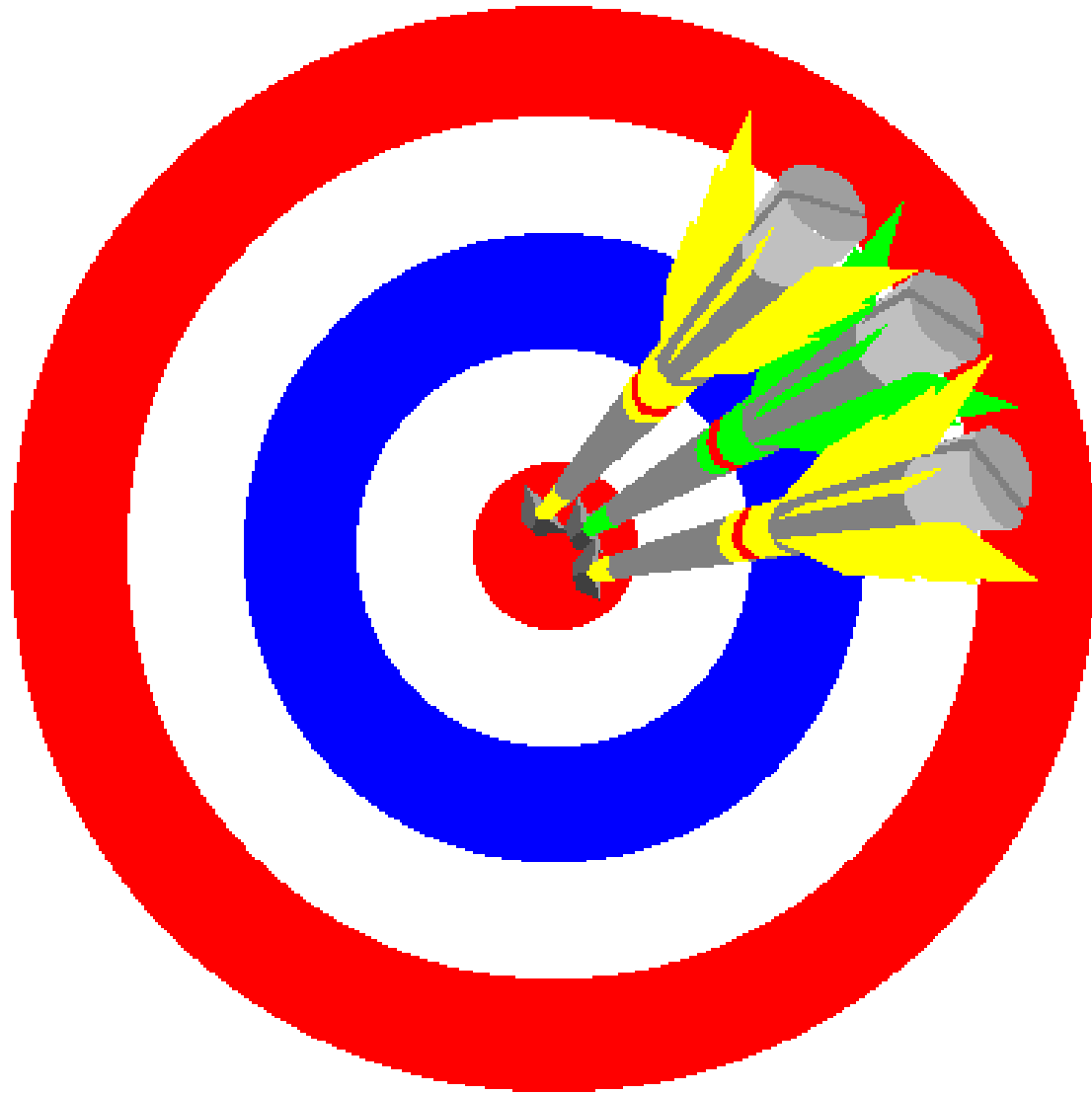


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Central Idea and Supporting Details

Learning Target: RI.6.2 determine the central idea of a text; identify the details that demonstrate the central idea





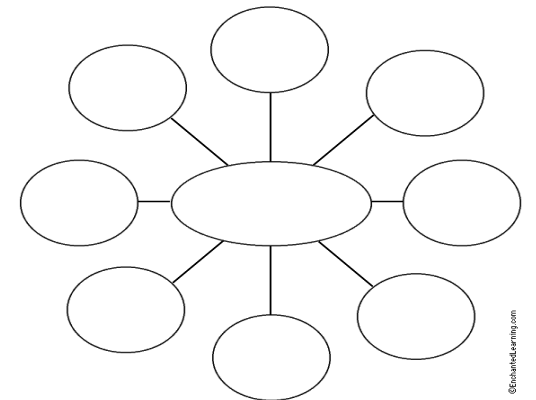
Learning Targets

- determine the central idea of a text
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- What do these mean?

What is a Central Idea?

- A central idea is a main point that the author is making (also called a main idea or a key idea).
- In other words, a central idea is what the article is mostly about. You can think of a central idea as a thesis statement: one sentence that states what the article is about. A text could have more than one central idea.

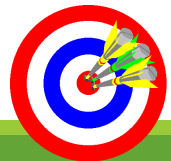


Central Idea

Read this excerpt from “The Boy Nobody Knew” by Faith Ringgold.

It was one of those hot summer nights in Harlem in 1937. Mother, Daddy, and Uncle Hilliard were talking about their childhood growing up in Jacksonville, Florida. When Uncle Hilliard came to visit we never missed a chance to laugh at his stories. Everything he said was funny. We kids would just cover our mouths and laugh into our hands. As long as we were quiet, Mother would forget it was late and we were still up.

What do you believe is the central idea of this paragraph?



Central Idea

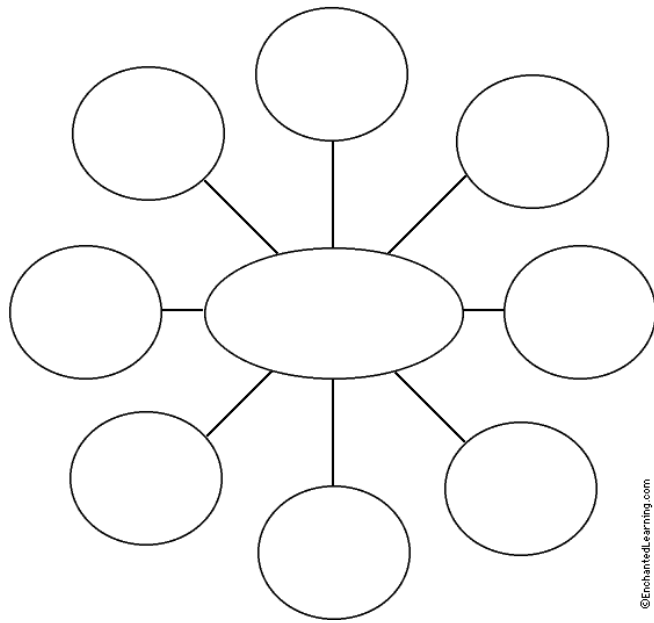
Class discussion.

Let's come back to this in a little bit.

[First, let's take a break and watch a video...](#)



What are Supporting Details?



- Supporting details are additional information that will explain, define, or prove an idea. You are proving you are RIGHT!
- This means that supporting details prove the central idea in a paragraph or essay.

So think about what you thought was the central idea of that paragraph. Can you prove it using supporting details?

