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In addition to the main idea, you will find one or more **supporting details** are included in the selection. Supporting details are pieces of information that tell about the main idea. They define, explain, prove or analyze the main idea of a text. An excellent way of keeping your thoughts in order is to use a **graphic organizer** — a diagram or drawing that helps you organize your ideas on paper.

Graphic Organizers for Main Idea



Main Idea Chart



Concept Map



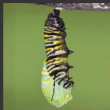
Fishbone Map

Story Sequence Chart

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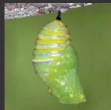
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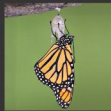
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