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Main Idea Organizer: Reading, Writing, Watching, Listening

Name: _____

Subject
What are you or the author writing about?

Subject

Main Idea
What are you (or the author) saying about the subject? (i.e., What is the point you or the author want to make?)

Main Idea

Details
- Examples
- Stories
- Quotations
- Explanations

Detail	Detail	Detail