

Elearning Day 2 Reading

Students need to read about life in the American colonies, then use the text box tool to write in their answers for the reading. *If this doesn't work students may write on a piece of paper all of their answers.

Introduction

Lesson 2

Finding Main Ideas and Key Details



Learning Target



Retelling the main idea and key details of a text will help you understand what you've read.

- **Read** The **main idea** is what a text is mostly about. Details are all the facts and ideas in a passage that **support** the main idea, or help explain it.

Sometimes you will want to retell a passage that you've read. First, make sure you know the main idea. Then figure out the **key details**, which are the most important facts in the passage.

Read the cartoon below. What is it mostly about?

★★ Life in the American Colonies ★★



People had to chop wood for fuel.

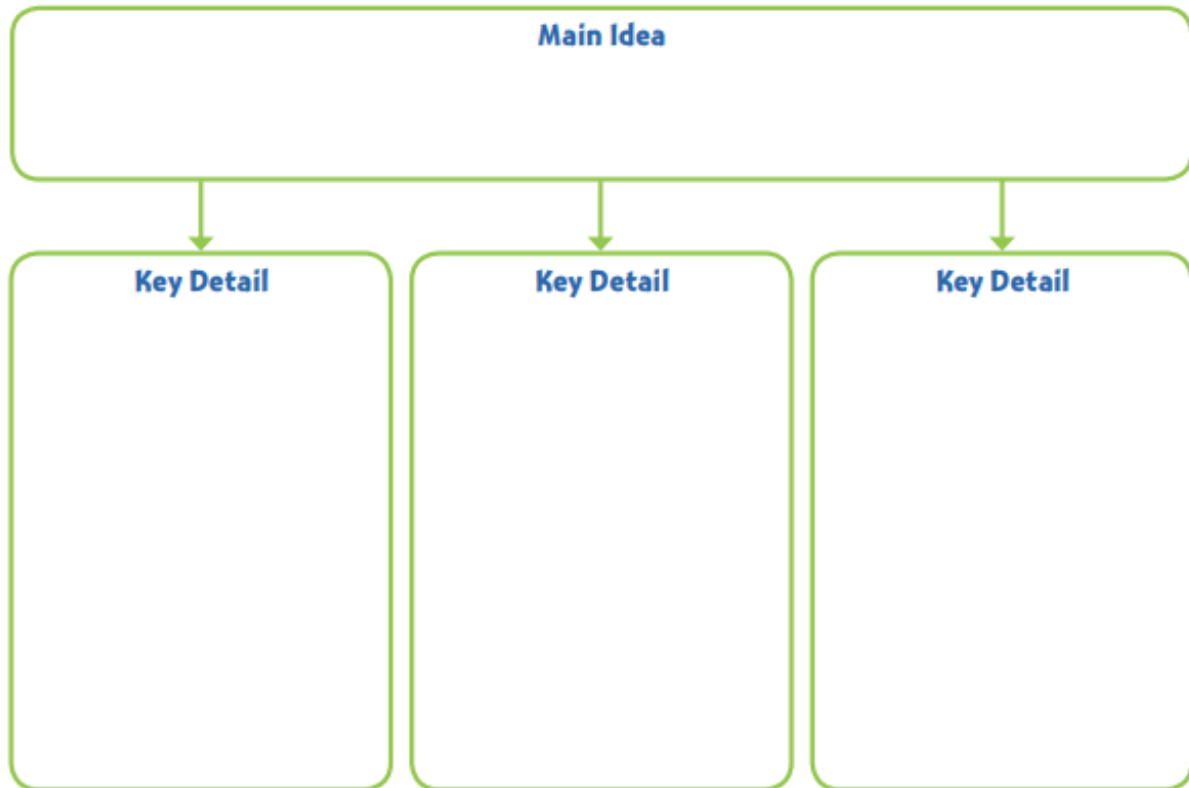


Taking farm goods to sell in town could take hours.



Everyone in the family had to work.

- **Think** Use key details from the cartoon to complete the chart below.



- **Talk** Discuss the key details you used to complete the chart. How does each detail support the main idea?



Academic Talk

Use these phrases and word to talk about the text.

• **main idea**

• **key details**

• **support**