

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.

# What Is a Community?

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- 1 Think about the people you saw on your way to school today. Maybe you saw a bus driver, a police officer, or a mail carrier. You probably saw business people on their way to work. Once you got to school, you saw teachers, other students, parents, and the principal. All of these people make a community. A community is a group of people who live and work in the same area.

- 2 People play different parts to make a community. For example, bus drivers help people get to school or work. Police officers make sure people follow the laws and stay safe. Business people make or sell the things we buy. Parents and teachers make sure children have what they need to learn and be safe. Students learn so they can become good parents and workers.

- 3 You are a part of your community, too. You can do things to make a difference. You can help keep your neighborhood clean. You can follow rules and laws. You can help others who are in need.

- 4 Communities work best when people do their jobs and help each other. You and everyone around you work together to make a community.



## Close Reader Habits

**Circle** the sentence that best states the main idea. As you reread, **underline** key details that tell more about the main idea.

## Explore

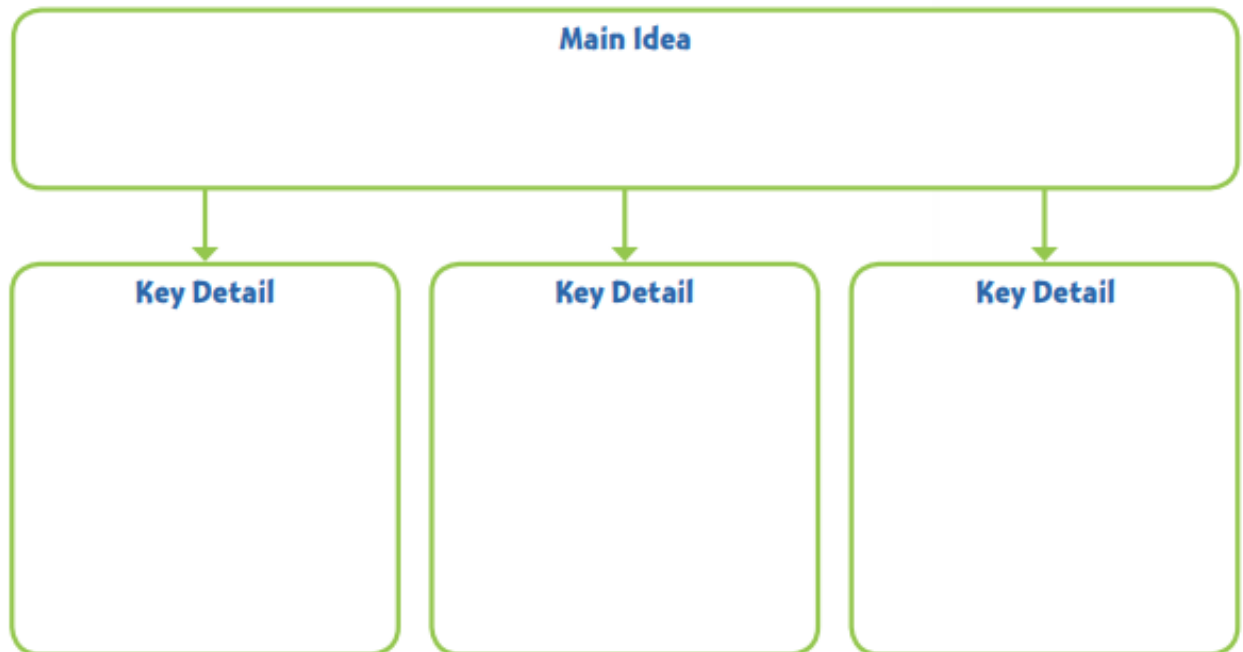
What is the main idea of the text, and how do the key details support it?



## Think

- 1 Complete the chart with the main idea and key details of the text.

As you reread the passage, ask yourself, "What is it mostly about?" Look for a sentence that answers this question.



## Talk

- 2 One key detail is, "bus drivers help people get to school or work." How does this key detail support the main idea?



## Write

- 3 **Short Response** Choose another key detail you wrote in the chart. How does it support the main idea? Use the space provided on page 30 to write your answer.

**HINT** What does this detail say about the parts people play in a community?



**Write** Use the space below to write your answer to the question on page 27.

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**3 Short Response** Choose another key detail you wrote in the chart. How does it support the main idea?

**HINT** What does this detail say about the parts people play in a community?

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