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Main Idea Equation

“Add up” the topic sentences from each paragraph in the passage to find a main idea that combines all of the paragraph main idea statements.

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(topic sentence of paragraph 2)

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(topic sentence of paragraph 3)

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(topic sentence of paragraph 4)

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(topic sentence of paragraph 5)

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Main Idea of Passage