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Central Idea

Directions: Fill in the graphic organizer to identify the central idea of the text. Then, list the particular details from the text that help to support, express, or develop the central idea.

Central Idea: the central unifying element of the text which ties everything together. It is the overarching idea that the author is trying to convey.

Detail that first introduces the central idea (particular detail 1):
Line/Page # _____

(CENTRAL IDEA)
Describe the central idea of the text.

Final thoughts about the central idea:

Any connections to life experiences or other texts?

Particular detail 2:
Line/Page # _____

Particular detail 3:
Line/Page # _____

Particular detail 4:
Line/Page # _____

What it reveals about the central idea:

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How it helps develop the central idea:

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Directions: Fill in the graphic organizer to discuss the central idea and show how it relates to the author's purpose, point of view, the structure of the text, and any text features.

Identify the central idea:		
List supporting details that help convey the central idea:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Line/Page # _____• Line/Page # _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Line/Page # _____• Line/Page # _____
Identify the author's/speaker's point of view or perspective on the central idea:		
List details that tell you that this is his/her point of view or perspective:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Line/Page # _____• Line/Page # _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Line/Page # _____• Line/Page # _____
Identify the author's purpose:		
Explain how the author's purpose relates to the central idea:		
Explain how the structure or organization of the text helps to convey the central idea:		
List any text features that add information about the central idea:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Line/Page # _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Line/Page # _____
Explain what information they convey about the central idea:		

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Directions: Fill in the graphic organizer to map out the development of the text's central idea.

Describe the central idea of the text:

List details from the beginning of the text that introduce the central idea:

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Line/Page # _____

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Line/Page # _____

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Line/Page # _____

Explain how these details contribute to the development or portrayal of the central idea:



List additional details from throughout the text that help advance and develop the central idea:

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Line/Page # _____

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Line/Page # _____

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Line/Page # _____

Explain how these details contribute to the development or portrayal of the central idea:



List details from the end of the text that make final comments on the central idea:

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Line/Page # _____

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Explain how these details contribute to the development or portrayal of the central idea:

Summary (in your own words, explain the central idea and how it is developed throughout the text):

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What it says: How it helps shape/refine the central idea:	Particular detail 2: Line/Page # _____	(CENTRAL IDEA) Describe the central idea of the text.	Particular detail 3: Line/Page # _____	What it says: How it helps shape/refine the central idea:
What it says: How it helps shape/refine the central idea:	Particular detail 1: Line/Page # _____		Particular detail 4: Line/Page # _____	What it says: How it helps shape/refine the central idea:

Summarize how the central idea emerges and is shaped and refined by particular details from the text:

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Explanation of central idea 1:

Detail that supports central idea 1:

What it adds:

Line/Page # _____

Detail that supports central idea 1:

What it adds:

Line/Page # _____

Detail that supports central idea 1:

What it adds:

Line/Page # _____

Explanation of how central ideas 1 and 2 build upon one another:

Details that support or relate to BOTH central ideas:

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Line/Page # _____
- _____
Line/Page # _____
- _____
Line/Page # _____

Explanation of central idea 2:

Detail that supports central idea 2:

What it adds:

Line/Page # _____

Detail that supports central idea 2:

What it adds:

Line/Page # _____

Detail that supports central idea 2:

What it adds:

Line/Page # _____

Explain how the two central ideas interact throughout the text:

Explain how the structure or organization helps the author convey the central ideas: