

Main Idea Lyrics

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Verse 1: I was reading in my class the other day.
I gazed upon the question printed on my page.
"What is the main idea of the story you just read?"
This little voice inside my brain so loudly said,

Chorus: "What's the main idea? What message do you hear?
Whether you write or read, there's a basic need to make the message
clear.
What's the main idea? Where do the details join?
When every sentence leads, whether you write or read, to one central
point, that's the main idea!"

Verse 2: I reread the story and wondered if I knew
a way to state the main idea and show some proof.
I found details that all gave hint after hint.
Now, I think I know just what that question meant.

Chorus

Verse 3: I returned to the big question written out for me.
I felt I knew the main idea was plain to see.
I wrote my answer, and I turned my paper in.
On the way back to my seat, I saw my teacher grin.

Chorus