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The main idea of this story is Today was Enrique's first day at Jefferson High School.

I know this is the main idea because Enrique's dad got a new job in Chicago, Illinois. Enrique had a map and schedule from the guidance counselor. He didn't know his way around or know the other students. He missed his old school and his friends.

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The main idea of this story is Emily had a successful night as the lead character in the school play.

I know that this is the main idea because the crowd was applauding, she was holding red roses, she practiced for weeks, she went over her dialog repeatedly, her dad was clapping and her mom had tears of joy. Emily was on top of the world and never would forget this night.

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