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## Main Idea

- The **main idea** is the most important idea about a paragraph, passage, or story.
- **Supporting details** are small pieces of information that tell more about the main idea.

**Directions** Read the following passage. Then answer the questions below.

**T**ina's mother collects teacups made of English bone china. China is another name for porcelain. Porcelain was first made in China, hundreds of years ago. That is why people often call it china. For a long time the Chinese guarded the secret

of how porcelain is made. But after a while their secret began to spread to other countries. Then, about two hundred years ago, the English added ash, made from animal bones, to make a special kind of porcelain called bone china.

1. In one or two words, what is this paragraph about? **Possible responses given.**

**china; porcelain**

2. What is the main idea of the paragraph?

**English bone china is a special kind of porcelain.**

- 3–4. What are the two details that tell more about the main idea?

**Porcelain was first made in China, hundreds of years ago. About two hundred years ago, the English added ash to make a special kind of porcelain called bone china.**

- 5–7. Imagine you are writing a paragraph about one of the characters in *Collecting Dreams*. Write the main idea of your paragraph and two details to support that main idea. **Responses will vary.**

Main idea \_\_\_\_\_

Detail \_\_\_\_\_

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