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## Main Idea

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- The **main idea** is the most important idea about a reading selection.
  - Sometimes it is stated at the beginning, middle, or end of the selection; but sometimes it isn't and you must figure it out yourself.
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**Directions** Below are groups of three sentences. Write *M* next to the sentence that is the main idea and *D* next to the sentences that are the supporting details.

  D   1. No trip to Detroit is complete without a visit to the Henry Ford car museum.

  D   2. Because of the automobile industry, Detroit is called Motor City.

  M   3. Detroit is the home of the automobile industry.

  M   4. In the 1820s, the French fur-trading families began to lose their influence.

  D   5. The first major in the local army was an English-speaking doctor.

  D   6. The population grew to include Germans, Irish, and others.

  M   7. The strongest tradition in St. Lucia is African, but there is a large amount of French culture.

  D   8. French is still spoken in St. Lucia.

  D   9. There is a great deal of French music in St. Lucia.

10. What was the main idea of *French Roots in North America*?

**The French have influenced North America.**

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