

Topic, main idea and details

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I. Below there are groups of four items. In each case, one item is the topic, one is the main idea, and two are details that support and develop the main idea.

Label each item with one of the following:

T — for the **topic** of the paragraph

MI — for the **main idea**

SD — for the **supporting details**

Group 1

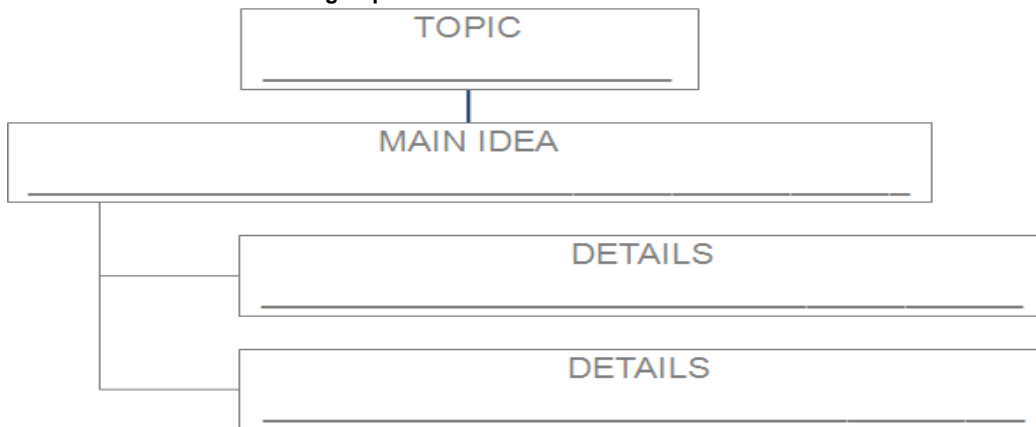
- ___ a. The countries of the Axis were: Germany, Italy and Japan.
- ___ b. World war II.
- ___ c. The war was fought between 2 major alliances: the Axis (Hitler's coalition) and the Allies.
- ___ d. United States belonged to the Allies side.

All of the statements in Group 1 are about the World War II, so item B must be the **topic**.

Statements A and D are specific examples of the countries involved in the war.

Statement C, on the other hand, presents the general idea that World war II is the largest armed conflict in history. It is the **main idea** about the topic of "World War II," and statements A and D are **supporting details** that illustrate that main idea.

II. Complete the chart with the sentences from group 1.



Label each item with T, MI or SD. Next complete the chart with the sentence from group 2.



Group 2

- ___ a. The first colonies in North America were established along the Atlantic Coast.
- ___ b. Europeans countries that colonized North America.
- ___ c. The countries were Spain, England, France and Sweden.
- ___ d. The Thirteen Colonies

