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Chapter Five:

## Identifying Implied Main Ideas

1. Get out a piece of paper and a pen or pencil.
2. Spend one minute writing down everything you remember about the paragraph structures you studied in the last chapter.
3. When time is called, share your paper with at least two other students.
4. If their papers include information yours doesn't, then add the information to your paper.



# Comprehension and Structure

Keep these comprehension questions and levels of paragraph structure in mind as you study this chapter.

What is the reading about?

**The topic.**

What is the author's point about the topic?

**The main idea.**

What is the proof for the main idea?

**The supporting details.**



# Implied Main Ideas

- Usually the main idea is stated in a reading.
- An implied main idea is not stated directly; rather, it is suggested.
- The author selects details, and readers infer main ideas from the details.

Creating the topic sentence  
becomes your job!

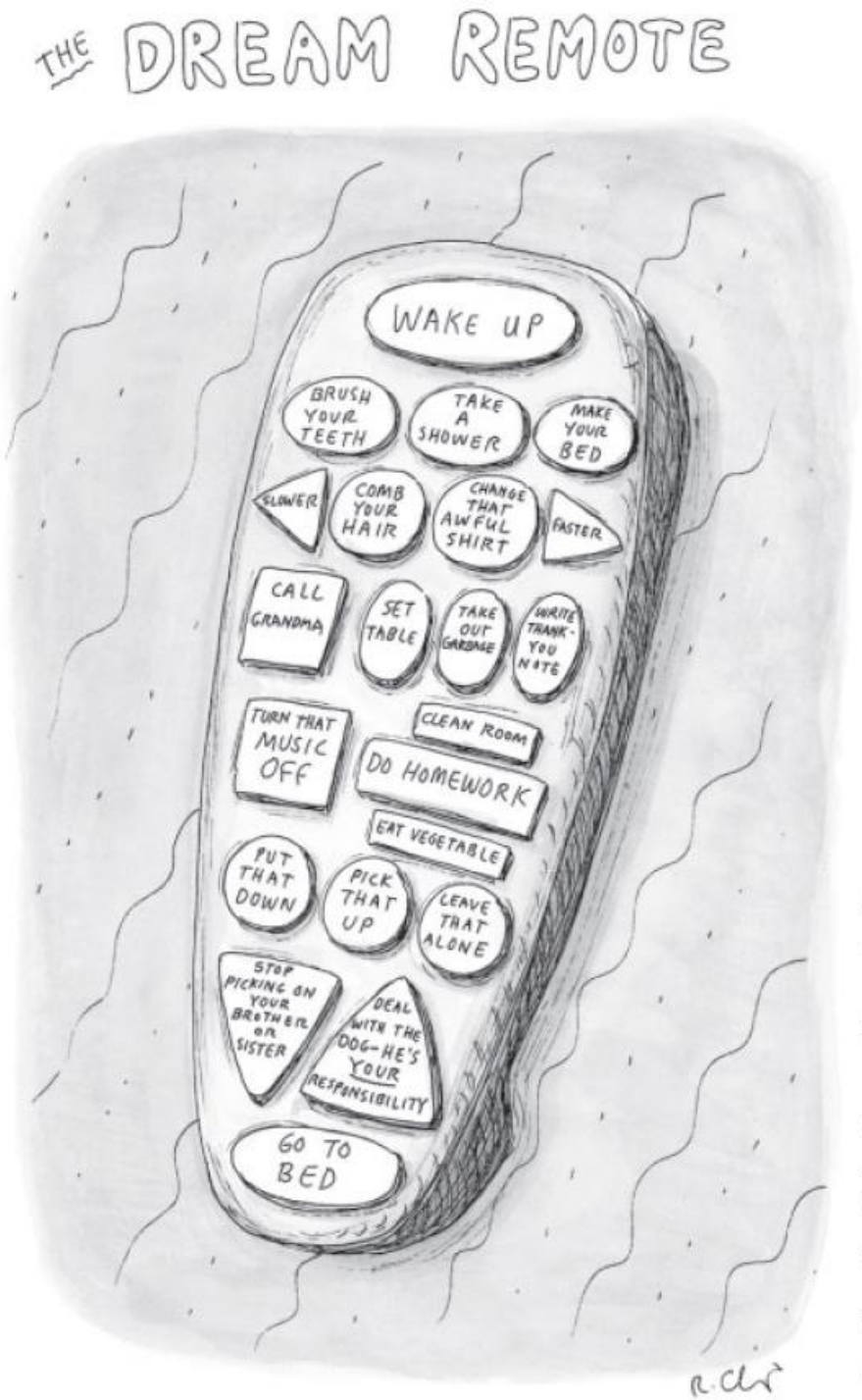


# Cartoons and Implied Ideas

- Cartoons usually have implied main ideas.
- Viewers “get” the main idea by studying the title and the important details.

# Finding the Implied Idea in a Cartoon

1. Study the title
2. Study the important details





# Making Generalizations

- Using details to make an umbrella statement is known as making a generalization.
- Generalizations are useful when trying to identify an implied main idea.
- Turn your generalization into a question and check it against each supporting detail.



# The Breadth of Information

- When you state an implied main idea, be careful that your statement:
  - Includes ALL of the supporting details.
  - Isn't too broad



- Find someone in the room with the same number of brothers and sisters that you have.
- As a team, make a generalization to fit the statements on the next slides.

- The Regan Administration's Strategic Defense Initiative was often called "Star Wars."
- Vintage toys based on the original Star Wars movie are today expensive, sought-after collectibles.
- Children who played Star Wars when the movie premiered are today buying the DVDs for their own children.
- Star Wars launched the Hollywood special effects industry.
- in the 2001 United Kingdom census, some 390,000 people stated their religion as Jedi, making it the fourth largest religion surveyed.

- Ink jet cartridges can be expensive, and may frequently dry out before they are empty, forcing people to buy excess ink.
- Ink jet printers excel at printing photos, and are also good at printing on unusual papers.
- Ink jet printers are often slow and noisy.
- Ink jet printers are often easier to maintain than laser printers.

- Meat is prohibited on a raw foods diet.
- Raw foodists believe heating foods over 110 degrees Fahrenheit will destroy valuable enzymes in the food.
- Raw foodists believe dairy is difficult to digest, so it should be avoided.



# Find Supporting Details

- Supporting details are the proof of an argument.
- Supporting details are key to finding an implied main idea.
- You can locate the supporting details by looking for specific facts, reasons, and examples.



# Finding Implied Ideas

To find the implied main idea, study the supporting details and ask these two questions:

- What do all these details have in common?
- What pattern of organization is used to organize the details?

1. Quickly find a new partner.
2. On the next three slides, find the implied main idea by examining the list of supporting details.
3. Make a topic sentence for each slide.
4. Turn each topic sentence into a question, and make sure the details answer the question.

- MP3s can be legally downloaded from a number of sources.
- Many bands give away MP3 files to promote their act.
- Companies also give away MP3 files to promote products.



- There are hundreds of salsa recipes on the Internet.
- Most grocery stores carry at least twelve brands of salsa.
- The average American eats salsa three times a week.

In 2010 Lindsey Lohan was ordered to attend alcohol education classes, wear an alcohol-monitoring bracelet, and undergo random drug tests to remain free on bail.

September 24, 2010, Lohan's probation was revoked following a failed drug test.

February 9, 2011, Lohan was charged with the theft of a necklace reported stolen from a jewelry store in January.



# Implied Ideas in Longer Passages

- Use the same strategy
- Remember your supporting details will be the topic sentences of several paragraphs
- A generalization that covers several paragraphs is not called a topic sentence; instead, it's called a thesis statement.

- With a partner, briefly discuss what an implied main idea is.
- Find a new partner you have not worked with today.
- Discuss how you plan to use techniques from this chapter to find implied main ideas.



But the fact that some geniuses were laughed at does not imply that all who are laughed at are geniuses. They laughed at Columbus, they laughed at Fulton, they laughed at the Wright Brothers. But they also laughed at Bozo the Clown.

- Carl Sagan