

Central Idea Cheat Sheet

6.RL.KID.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary.

6.RI.KID.2 Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through details; provide an objective summary.

The way it's questioned

Literature and Informational

What most likely is **the** central idea of the (article/section/story)? = might sound like a theme **or** a summary and will cover the story or informational text **as a whole**.

What most likely is **a** central idea of the (article/section/story)? = might sound like a summary of a super important event in the story or article that lasts a long time.

What line **best develops** a central idea of the text?

Literature Only	Informational Only
How do lines ___ to ___ develop the theme of the story?	How do the details about _____ help support a central idea of the article?
In what way do the details in paragraph ___ help develop a central idea of the story?	

Answer Stems (for RL/RI2 questions that ask about details or lines)

They show that...

They illustrate...

They suggest...

They tell that...

They explain...

They describe...

What about the text evidence part?

The correct matching text evidence will be the answer choice-or choices-that support the WHOLE Part A answer.

Notes on Central Idea

(RI/RIKID.2)