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# What is the Central Idea of a Text?



A central idea is the author's main point or message about a topic. Being able to sift through information to identify the central idea of a text is important because it shows that you understand what you're reading. Each body paragraph typically has its own central idea, and the text as a whole usually has a broader central idea. Identifying these main ideas is crucial for bringing structure and clarity to what you read.

**Your task is to identify the central idea of the following paragraphs. Let's begin.**

1) Argentina is a vast country located in the southern part of South America. The eighth largest country in the world, it is the second largest country in South America after Brazil, and it's about one-third the size of the United States. Argentina is bordered by the Andes Mountains and Chile to the west.



What is the central idea of this paragraph?

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2) Slowly but surely, electric cars and trucks are taking over American highways. The White House aims for half of new vehicles sold in the US to be EVs by 2030, and auto giants like GM and Volvo want to go all- electric in a similar time frame. As utility companies hurry to expand the number of charging stations – a critical step for the EV transition – the future of the gas station is in doubt.



What is the central idea of this paragraph?

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## Answers

1) The central idea of this paragraph is that Argentina is a large country in South America, notable for being the eighth largest in the world and the second largest on the continent

2) The central idea of this paragraph is that electric vehicles (EVs) are gradually becoming more prevalent in the U.S., with both government and automakers pushing for a shift toward all-electric transportation, which is raising uncertainty about the future of traditional gas stations.

3) The central idea of this paragraph is that Roblox is a beneficial platform for kids, offering opportunities for entertainment, social interaction, and even the potential to make money by creating their own games.

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