

# Analyze Nonfiction

Determine the Central Idea and Main Ideas of the text.

## CENTRAL IDEA — For the WHOLE Passage

The central idea is Olmecs life in Mexico, Major tribe of Central America (Olmecs) that influenced other civilizations.

One **MAIN IDEA** in the Text—  
that helps explain the **CENTRAL Idea**

The main idea is that the Olmecs were bright and intelligent people.   
They were very smart.

Another **MAIN IDEA** in the Text—  
that helps explain the **CENTRAL Idea**

The main idea is that the Olmecs were creative and resourceful people.   
They were really creative.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR THIS IDEA**

The heads that Olmecs built 2 major cities 2: San Lorenzo and La Venta.   
Heads from carved stone.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR THIS IDEA**

The Olmecs made art instead of writing. They also created a jaguar in their art. While creating art, the Olmecs used like carved pieces of jade, mirrors, made of polished hematite.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR THIS IDEA**

Olmecs discovered how to use sap from the trees and produce rubber.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR THIS IDEA**

Olmecs created giant stone heads, and a volcano-shaped pyramid.