Analyze Nonfiction

Determine the **Central Idea** and **Main Ideas** of the text.

**CENTRAL IDEA** — For the WHOLE Passage
The central idea is that the Olmecs were a major tribe in Mexico, and their influence reached as far as Central America.

| One MAIN IDEA in the Text—
| The main idea is that the Olmecs were bright and intelligent people, and they built two major cities: San Lorenzo and La Venta.  
| Another MAIN IDEA in the Text—
| The main idea is that the Olmecs were creative and resourceful people.

| SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR THIS IDEA  
| The Olmecs made art of stone and worked with jade, mirrors, and polished hematite.  
| SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR THIS IDEA  
| The 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.