



Water for Phoenix

I can infer and support the main idea of a passage.

Long ago, Native Americans lived in what today is Arizona. They lived in a place that is called Phoenix today. They were farmers. Their environment was very dry. It was a desert. A desert is an environment that gets less than ten inches of rain during a year.

They dug great canals. They were ten feet deep and 30 feet wide. Canals are like man-made rivers--they are paths water flows in. The canals brought water from a river to the land. They used it to farm. They had solved a problem. Every community needs water. In a hot dry environment, getting water is a big challenge. Resourceful Native Americans enabled their community to survive.

Still, it was hot. The Native Americans were able to live in the area because they figured out ways to stay cooler in summer. They were very resourceful.

Support the Main Idea

What is the main idea of this passage?

Underline five sentences in the passage that support that idea.