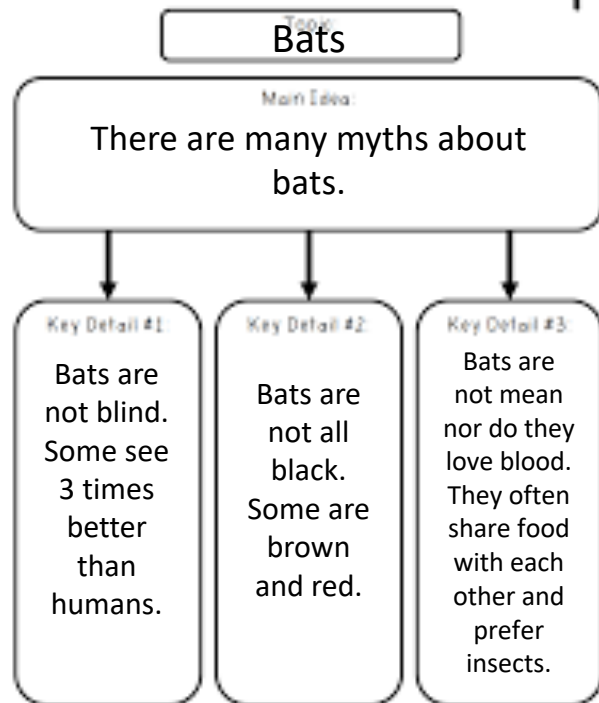


# Main Idea

## Main Idea Map



## Procedure for Teaching Main Idea

1. Teacher defines the concept of main idea. *Ex: "Main idea is the most important information in a paragraph or text that tells us about the topic being read."*
2. Teacher explains how knowing the main ideas helps comprehension. *Ex: "By identifying the main idea of each section of text, we can be sure we learn what the author wanted us to know from the text."*
3. Identify the topic or character of the text from the title or within the first few pages. Ask who or what they are reading about.
4. Stop at the end of every paragraph or couple of paragraphs and ask students what is the MOST important thing they learned from what they just read about the characters.
5. Graphic organizers help with capturing main ideas as students read. Using the main ideas throughout the text help students retell or summarize what was read.