

Garden Idea Answer Key

Main Idea (sample answer):

The passage is mainly about how students at Lincoln Elementary created a community garden that provided food and taught valuable lessons.

Supporting Details (examples):

1. Each grade level planted and cared for different vegetables.
2. Students shared food with their families and donated extra to a food pantry.
3. The project taught responsibility, teamwork, and the joy of helping others.

Teacher Notes:

- This activity strengthens students' ability to **distinguish the main idea from supporting details**.
- Encourage students to underline sentences in the passage that give clues about the main idea.
- Some students may write the main idea too narrowly (e.g., "The fifth graders grew tomatoes and peppers"). Guide them to see that this is just one detail, not the overall message.
- Extension option: Ask students to write one paragraph explaining how *they* would feel being part of the community garden.