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Bicycle Story

Directions: Read the passage carefully. **Underline** the **main idea** of the passage. Write **three supporting details** that explain or prove the main idea.

The History of Bicycles

The bicycle has a long and fascinating history. The first version appeared in the early 1800s and was called the “running machine.” It had no pedals, and riders pushed themselves forward with their feet. Later in the century, inventors added pedals and chains, creating bicycles that looked more like the ones we ride today. The design kept improving, with new features such as rubber tires, gears, and brakes. By the late 1800s, bicycles became popular around the world because they were affordable and offered people an easier way to travel. Today, bicycles remain an important form of transportation, exercise, and recreation.

1. Underline the **main idea** of the passage above.
2. Write three supporting details from the text:

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