

## **CENTRAL IDEA SAMPLE STARTERS:**

The central idea is the “message” of an informational text. However, coming up with a central idea can be difficult. Here are some tips to developing Central Idea:

### **NO:**

- The central idea is about how....
- The central idea is when...
- The central idea shows you....
- Do NOT summarize

### **YES:**

Think in terms of the BIG CONCEPT.

## **HERE ARE SOME CENTRAL IDEA STARTERS:**

The central idea is the:

1. Struggles of...
2. Negative impact of...
3. Positive impact of...
4. Importance (or significance of)...
5. Dangers of...
6. Debate or Controversy over...
7. Challenges...
8. Criticisms...
9. Celebration of...
10. Fears of...
11. Sufferings, Persecution, Oppression of...
12. Hypocrisy of...
13. Exploitation of...
14. Stages of...
15. Sacredness of...
16. Failure(s) of...
17. Success(s) of...
18. Denial or Rejection of...
19. Realization of...
20. Acceptance of...
21. Benefits of...
22. Drawbacks of...
23. Creation of...
24. Destruction of...
25. The perseverance of...
26. The surrender (or capitulation) of...
27. Fortitude (strength or courage) of...
28. Weaknesses of...
29. Vision of...
30. Nightmare of...
31. Ignorance of...
32. Speculation over (theories about...)