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Central Ideas and Details

A central idea of a text is one of the main points the author is making.

(Sometimes a central idea is called a "main idea.")

A central idea can always be supported with details from the text.

Directions: Follow the prompts below to explore the central ideas and supporting details in "The Girl Who Lived Forever."

1. Reread the section "A Terrifying Regime." Which sentence below best expresses the central idea of this section?

- Ⓐ Adolf Hitler was the leader of the Nazi Party.
- Ⓑ Adolf Hitler's rise to power made it dangerous for Jews to live in Germany.
- Ⓒ Anne Frank was a regular teenage girl.
- Ⓓ Otto Frank chose to move his family to Amsterdam when Anne was 4 years old.

2. Read the central idea of the section "Invasion!" stated in the box below. Then read the lines listed under it from the article. Which detail does NOT support the central idea? Explain your choice on the lines provided.

Central idea: The Nazi invasion of the Netherlands had a disastrous effect on the Franks.

- Ⓐ "Anne and Margot were expelled from their school."
- Ⓑ "All Jews had to wear yellow stars so the Nazis could easily target them."
- Ⓒ "By 1942, Jewish people were not allowed to travel."
- Ⓓ "Behind it was a smaller building—an annex—that could be reached only from inside."

I chose _____ because _____

3. Read the details from the section "Living in Fear," which are listed below. In the box, write a central idea that these details support.

Central idea of "Living in Fear":

Detail 1: "They had stocked the annex with cans of food, dishes, bedding, and other necessities."

Detail 2: "Anne and the others in the annex spoke in whispers and tiptoed around—they didn't dare flush a toilet or open a window, even on the hottest days."

Detail 3: "The smallest noise—a cough, a laugh, a dropped dish—could give them away."

4. Consider the central idea of the article "The Girl Who Lived Forever" in the box below. Write a supporting detail from each of the sections listed below.

Central idea: Anne Frank died in a Nazi concentration camp during an evil time in human history, but she lives on and inspires millions through the detailed diary she kept while in hiding.

Supporting detail from "A Terrifying Regime":

Supporting detail from "Invasion!":

Supporting detail from "Fragile Hope":

Supporting detail from "Something Precious":
