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Identifying Central Ideas

For this activity you will provide an objective summary of three texts by determining the central idea of each and citing textual evidence to support your claims.

- Use the charts that follow to organize your claim and textual support.
- Write your paragraphs on a separate sheet of paper.
- Each paragraph should include the title, supporting details, and the central idea of the text.

1. In the Cherokee myth, “Grandmother Spider Steals the Sun,” we are introduced to several characters. Think about those characters and how their actions contributed to the central idea the Cherokee wanted their audience to take away from the story. Write a paragraph in which you identify the central idea, use evidence from the text to support your answer, and write a closing sentence.

Central Idea:		
Supporting Evidence/Detail	Supporting Evidence/Detail	Supporting Evidence/Detail

2. In the Pima myth, “The Well Baked Man,” we are introduced to several characters. Think about those characters and how their actions contributed to the central idea the Pima wanted their audience to take away from the story. Write a paragraph in which you identify the central idea, use evidence from the text to support your answer, and write a closing sentence.

Central Idea:		
Supporting Evidence/Detail	Supporting Evidence/Detail	Supporting Evidence/Detail

3. In the Iroquois myth, “Why The Owl Has Big Eyes,” we are introduced to several characters. Think about those characters and how their actions contributed to the central idea the Iroquois wanted their audience to take away from the story. Write a paragraph in which you identify the central idea, use evidence from the text to support your answer, and write a closing sentence.

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