

Too Broad: A <u>General</u> statement. Could include other topics not in article.

Main Idea: What the selection is mostly about. A brief summary.

Too Narrow: A <u>specific</u> detail. Can often be found directly in the selection.

<u>Critical</u> <u>Thinking</u>

How to tell when you have a good Main Idea statement!

Example:

- a. He is a rich man who puts on a mask and a cape to protect Gotham City from criminals.
- b. He is a superhero.
- c. He drives the Batmobile.

Which statement is Too Broad, the Main Idea, and Too Narrow?

Attempt

Try to do skill

In Read Right: Reading

for Excellence

Adjust

Change the way it is done
In Read Right: Change focus, ask questions, get clarification

How We Learn New Things

Analyze

What went wrong?
In Read Right: Where
is my focus?

Fail

Don't succeed
In Read Right: Not
Reading Excellently