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**Central Idea**

# Sharpening the Central Idea

1. Reread your essay. Choose a paragraph that you think might need work. What is the central idea of this paragraph?

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2. What details have you chosen to use in this paragraph? Does each detail support the paragraph's central idea?

My Details	Supports Central Idea?
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3. Cross out any details in your paragraph that don't support the central idea. What details could you use instead?

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4. Now rewrite your paragraph using the new supporting details.

