Main Idea and Supporting Details

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

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3. Which detail supports the main idea of paragraph 1?
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4. What is the main idea of paragraph 2?
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5. Which detail supports the main idea of paragraph 2?
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7. Which detail supports the main idea of paragraph 3?
   Yellow was hiding. Leaves use sunlight. Stems get sealed. Birds fly south.

8. Which detail does not belong in this text?
   Leaves use sunlight. Yellow was hiding. Frogs live in ponds. Stems get sealed.

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