Main Idea and Supporting Details

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

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6. What is the main idea of paragraph 3?
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7. Which detail supports the main idea of paragraph 3?
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8. Which detail does not belong in this text?
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