Main Idea and Supporting Details

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the answer to each question.

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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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8. Which detail does not belong in this text?
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