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What's the Main Idea?

The *main idea* of a story is an important idea that holds the whole piece together.
Supporting details give examples or explanations of the main idea.

Directions: Find the important details in the article "Killer Smog." We've given you some hints. Then use the details to find the main idea. Write it in the space provided below.

Detail 1: (*Hint: Why can smog be so dangerous to humans?*)

Detail 2: (*Hint: Why was the Killer Smog of 1952 especially dangerous?*)

Detail 3:

Detail 4: (*Hint: What has been done to prevent this kind of disaster from occurring again?*)

Detail 5:

Main idea:
