Riverside Community College
Directed Learning Activity
Understanding the Main Idea

1. Locate "Understanding the Main Idea, Advanced Level" in the Jamestown Comprehension Skills Series.

2. Read the "Introduction," "Part 1" and "Part 2."

3. Answer the questions to the "Preview Quizzes."
   #1____   #2____   #3____   #4____   #5____

4. After you read, answer the following questions:
   1. What is a main idea? _______________________________________________________
   2. What is a topic? ___________________________________________________________
   3. What is a topic sentence? __________________________________________________
   4. What are the 3 main forms of a paragraph?
      1. ________________________________________________________________
      2. ________________________________________________________________
      3. ________________________________________________________________
   5. What is an implied main idea? _____________________________________________

5. Read "Part 3" and complete the questions for the "Sample Exercise." Then, read the "Answers and Explanations."
   #1____   #2____   #3____   #4____   #5____

6. On a blank piece of paper, do "Part 4, Practice Exercises." When you complete 10 practice exercises, get the answer key from an instructor or paraprofessional.

7. Mark the ones you miss with an X, and write the correct answer next to it. Go back and re-read the questions that you missed. Try to learn from your mistakes.

8. Review your answer sheet with an instructor or paraprofessional in the Reading Lab and determine your course of study.

Instructor/Tutor Signature

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