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DETERMINE THE MAIN IDEA OF A TEXT.

**A Sweet Secret**

The North American Native American discovered the sweet secret of maple trees. Today, many people know the secret: sweet-water sap flows through maple trees in spring. To get it, people first drill holes into the trees. Then they hammer a spout into each hole and attach a bucket underneath to catch the dripping liquid. The sweet-smelling sap is boiled down into sticky syrup. Finally, the familiar maple syrup is poured over pancakes or ice cream to give them an extra-yummy taste!

**EXTENDED-RESPONSE QUESTION**

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| Use what you have learned about the main idea and supporting details of a text to answer the questions below. | |
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| 1. Identify THREE supporting details from the text. 2. Explain how EACH of the supporting details you listed in Part A helped you to determine the main idea of the text. |