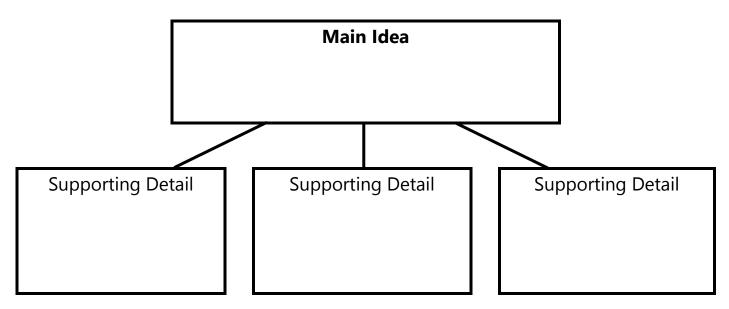
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3. Give the passage an appropriate title.



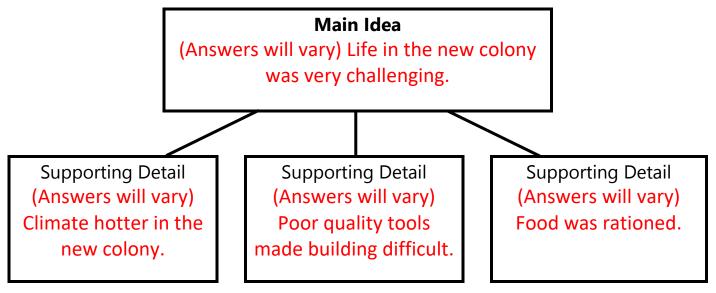
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