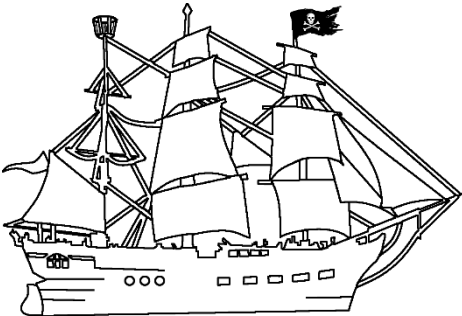


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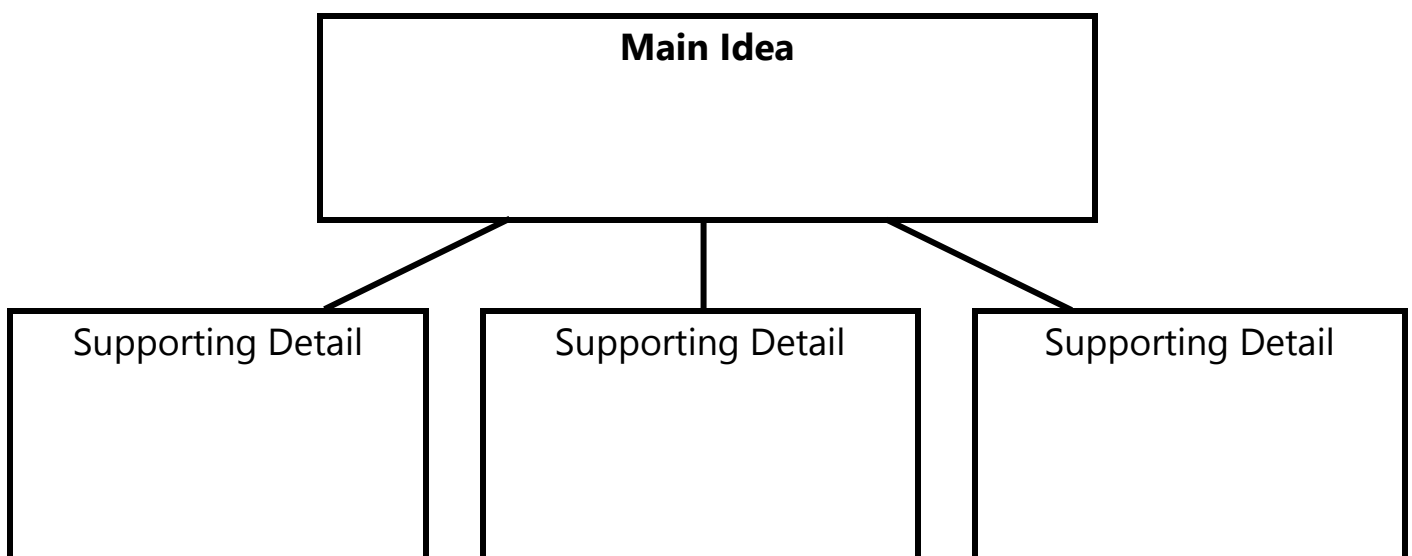
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2. Fill in the organiser to show the main idea and the supporting details.



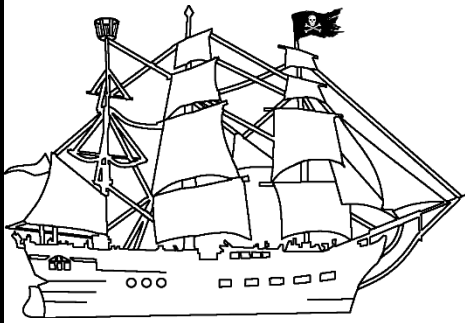
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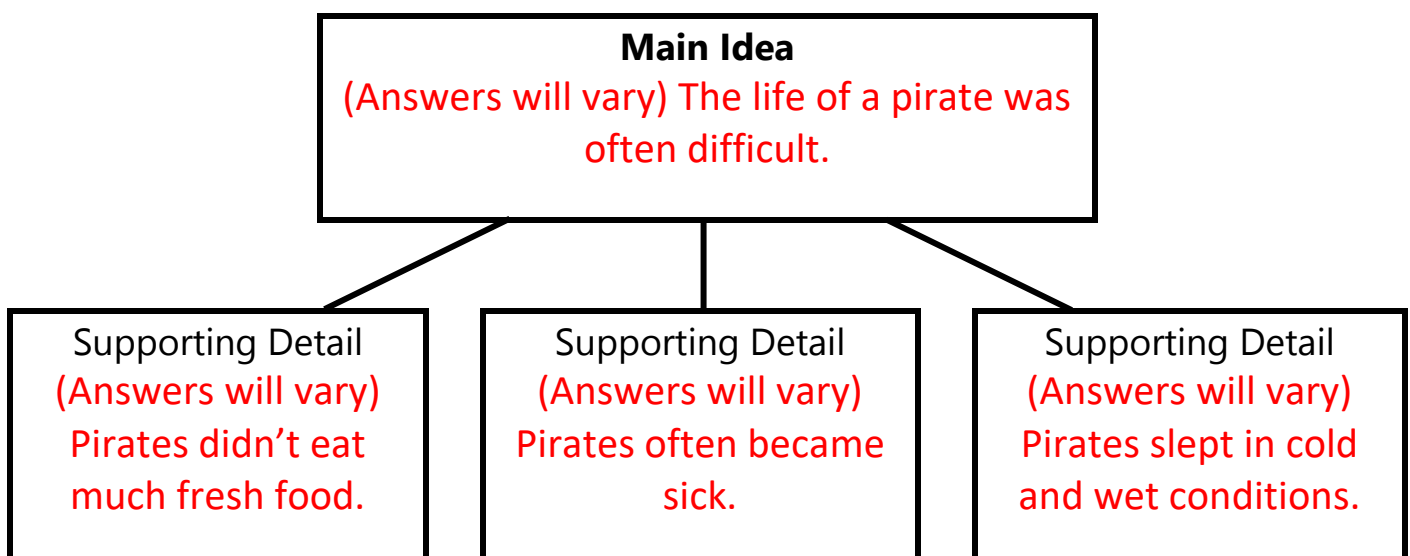
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