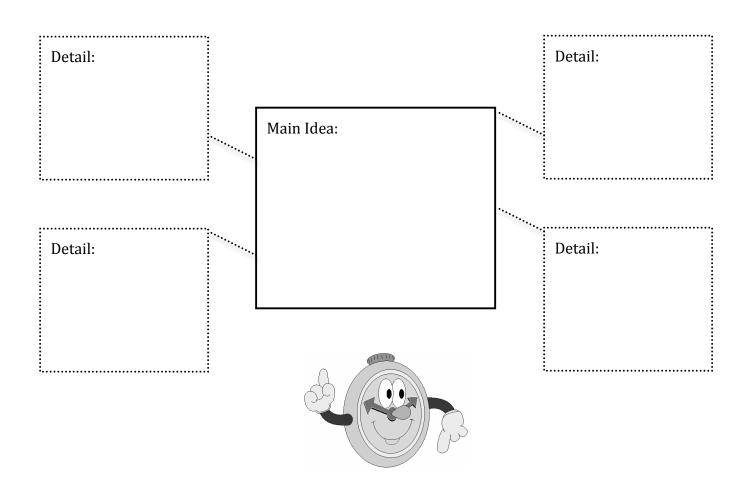
Main Idea Puzzler

Title: _____

When the first train tracks were put into place across the entire United States in 1869, officials had a problem. Each town along the way set its clock by the noonday sun. So, the time was never exactly the same from place to place. It was hard to have a reliable train schedule with this system. So, in 1883, railroad owners, scientists, and businessmen came up with four time zones across the country: Eastern Time, Central Time, Mountain Time, and Pacific Time. This new system was called Standard Railway Time. Today, these are the time zones in use across the United States.



Date	

Answer the multiple choise questions below using the passage above.

- 1) The main idea of the passage is
 - (a) The first cross-country railroad
 - (b) Trains that were never on time
 - (c) Different times in different places
 - (d) How railroads resulted in time zones.
- 2) One detail from the passage is
 - (a) Standard Railway Time was set up
 - (b) Sometimes the sun didn't shine
 - (c) There were 80 time zones in 1869
 - (d) Towns built railroad stations